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KNIGHTS TEMPLARS EXPELLED BY GRAND BODY

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 24. — The Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, met in its thirty-first annual grand conclave in Worcester, Mass., September 17, and transacted a large amount of routine and other important business.

9-25-13

Officers of the grand commandery for the ensuing year were elected and installed as follows: William H. Gilbert, of Malden, Mass., R. E. G. C.; Horace S. MacKerrow, of Worcester, Mass., V. E. D. G. C.; Mahlon H. Van Horn, of Newport, R. I., E. G. G.; Samuel A. Washington, of Boston, Mass., E. C. G.; Rev. Hiram Conway, of Springfield, Mass., E. Prelate; William H. Lyons, of Cambridge, Mass., E. Treasurer; Frederic S. Monroe, of New Bedford, Mass., E. Recorder; Reuben J. Groffin, of Worcester, Mass., E. S. W.; Joseph H. Douglass, of Providence, R. I., E. J. W.

By vote of the grand commandery the warrant granted St. Luke's Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Boston, Mass., was declared revoked.

The sentences of indefinite suspension passed upon Ulysses G. Powell, Leroy C. Ridley, John J. Jones, of Boston, Mass., and Joseph H. Gray, of Springfield, Mass., at a special conclave of the grand commandery held in Providence, R. I., February last, were made expulsion from the rights and privileges of the order.

Mont Adv 8-16-13

NEGROES AGAINST GRAFT IN FRATERNAL SOCIETY

Threat Made That Receiver Will Be Asked for on Monday.

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA, Aug 15— The Birmingham Negro Business League in its regular meeting Wednesday night put itself on record as opposing graft in the manipulation of negro fraternal organizations in passing a resolution introduced by E. W. Williams, calling for the appointment of a committee to investigate the alleged shortage in the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and The Household of Ruth.

The resolutions pointed out the fact that at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge in Birmingham, the order was shown to be in debt for endowment claims $92,000 with less than $2,000 with which to pay. The secretary of the endowment department is said to have reported the collection of $2,000 during the year, paying off about $16,000 worth of current claims, with an expense account of $2,882.

The committee, consisting of E. W. Williams, P. J. Clyde Randall, E. W. Howell, J. W. Williams and Dr. M. H.

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ever get in trouble with his home concerns. He has been coming to Montgomery for the past thirteen years and while he has garnered various and sundry orders on every trip he privately expresses the opinion that the successful traveling man, is the

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$60,000 MOSAIC TEMPLE DEDICATED

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 27.—The greatest week in the history of the Arkansas Negro was at the dedication of the $60,000 Mosaic Temple. Booker T. Washington stepped aside to become for the moment the prophet of triumph and the Mosaic Templars, as international fraternity, set in its foundation by Arkansas Negroes, advances to the front of fraternal effort.

More than five thousand people from every section of the South gathered here to take part in the Mosaic jubilee, and to listen to Dr. Washington's dedicatory address at the $60,000 Temple and see the Little Rock white people "carry on" over the achievement of their colored neighbors. Indeed, it was [illegible] to say during the week whose building it was that the hosts gathered to see aside, the Gentiles', the Jews' or the Negroes'. It was tit for tat. Mayor Charles E. Taylor, who attended the exercises at the head of a delegation of leading white men and women, declared that the Temple was not to be warped to the bosom of any as belonging to this race or that; it was Little Rock's and down in the record as such it goes, and everybody seemed satisfied.

The National Temple, to be used as a home of the Mosaic Templars, erected at a cost of $60,000, constructed by a colored contracting firm, came of the effort of the organization founded in 1882 by John E. Bush and Chester W. Keatts. Mr. Keatts has long ago quit the scene below; Mr. Bush still lives, the big figure of his state, and the financial wizard, as Booker Washington calls him, of that fraternal society, not the least of whose distinctions is that it was founded and established by colored men after the fashion of no order then in existence.

This building, situated at the corner of Ninth and Broadway, is said to be one of the finest office buildings and auditoriums in the South. All its appointments being measured by the cost of it, certainly it is the greatest structure yet reared out of the capital and energy of colored people.

While the sessions of the leaders of the Mosaic Templars lasted through three days, the dedicatory exercises took place Wednesday evening with Booker T. Washington as the principal speaker. John H. McConico, National Grand Auditor, presided, and the speakers aside from Dr. Washington included Mayor Taylor, William Alexander, the present distinguished National Grand Master; John E. Bush, National Grand Scribe; and Dr. Joseph A. Booker, president of the Arkansas Baptist College, who introduced Principal Washington. The exercises were held in the auditorium of the Temple, which seats sixteen hundred people. Five thousand people wanted to get in, but couldn't.

IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH.

Chicago Defender 9-27-13

There are forty-three different secret societies in Chicago, occupying twenty-six halls for meeting places, at an average rental of $13,500 per year. This is excluding churches, clubs, federations and unions. The subordinate lodges of these forty-three societies number 126 that hold meetings, some one and some two a month. The average monthly dues are 50 cents a month per member. Some have 10 and some 200 members; some persons hold membership in 6 to 10 societies. The real joiner would get from $10 to $30 a week (if the lodge is not bankrupt) and a $500 funeral at death. His uniforms cost from $2 to $150. The names of some of these orders are ridiculous and their paraphernalia must be costly, from the appearance. Suppose this enormous sum of money was turned into commercial lines. Would it be to the advantage of the race? About $5,000 of this rent goes to our people to aid in paying for hall that they are purchasing. The rest is gone from us forever. The joiner is there for business reasons. Some are there for office, others join for the sociability of the thing, but why can they not harmonize and reduce the cost of societies? Not only that, but it would increase our bank accounts and real estate holdings. This many societies to a population of 45,000 is too much of a burden for our race.

NEGRO GRAND LODGE IN GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE

Treasurer Of Endownment Depart-Ment, R. B. Hudson, Made Fine Showing.

Advertiser 12-2-13

The Alabama Grand Lodge, Negro Free and Accepted Masons, is on a sound financial basis, according to the report of the auditing committee, given out at a meeting held in Montgomery yesterday.

The books of R. B. Hudson, treasurer of the endowment department, made the following showing:

Amount on hand August 21 1913	$17,929.75
Received since August 21, 1913	19,084.65
Total	$37,014.40
Disbursements	$21,850.00
Balance on hand	15,164.40
Balance on hand Grand Treasurer, J. O. Diffay	1,200.00
Grand Total on hand Nov. 19 1913	$16,364.40

The report of the endowment treasurer showed that forty-eight claims have been paid during the last three months to Nov. 19. Twenty-three additional claims were passed for payment amounting to $9,900, for which checks will be issued immediately.

This is regarded the best showing of the Grand Lodge for any quarter in the history of the organization, and is due, it is said to the management of the New Grand Master, W. T. Wood of Mobile, Grand Master Wood stated that he would examine other claims and order their payment in a few weeks.

The meeting was attended by Grand Master Wood, Past Grand Master J. T. Gregory of Greenville, Charles Hendley of Huntsville, Secretary Peter J. Clark of Birmingham, and J. B. Ramsey of Tuskegee, auditors and R. B. Hudson, of Selma. A. A. Peters of Girard, C. N. McDaniels of Hartselle, Grand Secretary, and J. O. Diffay of Birmingham.

The balance $1,100 due on the Masonci Home for Widows and Orphans at Bessemer will be paid in December.

The Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Freeman 3-8-13

One of the strongest corporations conducted by Negroes in the District of Columbia is the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, builders and owners of the magnificent $100,000 Odd Fellows' hall at 1606 M street, Northwest. The association has just declared its annual 5 per cent. dividend, involving the allotment of a fund amounting to $2,479.

The financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1912, which has just been made public, shows the following gratifying results:

In hand beginning of year 1912	$2,105.50
Receipts for year	5,381.40
Total receipts (1911 balance)	$7,486.90
Expended for year	5,542.66
Balance Dec. 31, 1912	$1,944.24

The expenditures noted above carry the $2,479 paid out in the 5 per cent. dividend. For rental of the public hall during the year the association received $1,729. It is said that the association encouraged by the prosperity that has attended its investments in the past is negotiating with the owners of the property adjoining the hall on the west, with a view to enlarging the building, so as to provide for additional lodge rooms and a monster public hall, to be able to accommodate the larger gatherings of the race that now go to Convention hall and pay fabulous prices for it. Washington D. C.

The officers who have piloted the Odd Fellows' Hall Association into the harbor of success are: President, Thomas H. Wright; vice-president, Lawrence Clark; secretary, Samuel W. Watson; assistant secretary, Alex. F. Hicks; treasurer, Joseph Manning. Directors: Thomas H. Wright, S. W. Watson, Isaac W. Scott, Henry F. Slaughter, Joseph Manning, J. Langborne and O. W. Davis. The accounts this year were audited by a committee made up of David Rinker, R. F. Williams and J. R. F. Browne.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

Lee L. Brown Went Down in the Crash Democrats Swept the City.

(By Melville Purdue.)

Special to THE FREEMAN: Freeman 11-15-13

Mr. John H. McConico, national auditor of Mosaic Templar Lodge of Little Rock, Ark., passed through this city Sunday with the remains of Mr. William Alexander, national grand master of Mosaic Templars, who was killed in Frankfort, Ky., by State Grand Master Harrison. The whole city is shocked over this terrible affair

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The Negro Pythians of Baltimore completed last week the purchase of two up town dwellings at a cost of $6,000.00, which they propose to remodel into a building for lodge purposes and public assemblies.

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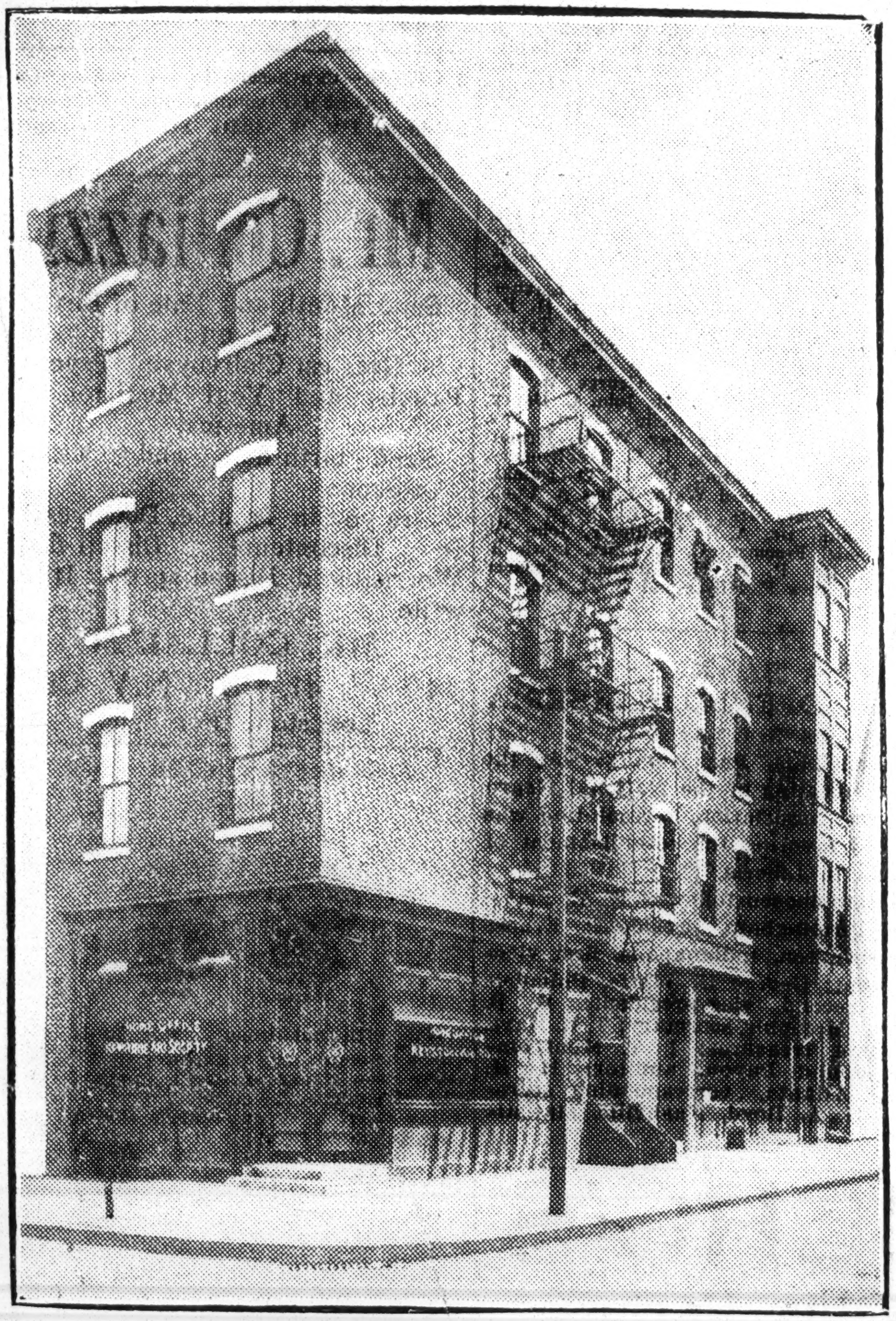
KEYSTONE AID BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



KEYSTONE AID SOCIETY

The N.Y.A. 8-28-13

Philadelphia Has Industrial Insurance Company Which Is Demonstrating That Race Can Conduct Insurance Concerns in the North With Success.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 26.—Among the many business corporations owned and operated by colored men in Philadelphia, the Keystone Aid Society, an industrial insurance company, easily takes the lead. Its home office is an imposing four-story building situated at the southeast corner of 16th and Lombard streets. It is worth $20,000 and has been paid for in full. It was the most beautifully decorated building in the city during the session of the National Negro Business League.

Twelve years ago there were no insurance companies in Philadelphia or Pennsylvania owned and controlled by colored men. It was a common thing for them to be discriminated against in the matter of rates, always being charged more than whites of the same age for the same amount of insurance. Technicalities were resorted to in order that they might be deprived of sick and death benefits. In October, 1902, a few colored business men, together with some agents who had worked with white companies, opened the doors of the Keystone Aid Society. They found the public skeptical at first, but through the services of some real live agents who knew how to sell insurance together with conservative management of the officials of the company, soon won the confidence of the community.

Unlike most new enterprises started by Negroes, the officers and directors of the company did not vote themselves large salaries to dissipate the first earning which should be kept as a reserve for the protection of its members, but on the contrary they served for five years for practically no salary at all. The company by reason of its wise management and strict business practices has grown by leaps and bounds until in eleven years it has written about 35,000 members, more than 12,000 of whom are in benefits It has branch offices in Pittsburgh, Coatesville and Harrisburg, Pa., as well as in Newark and Camden, N. J.

The company is incorporated in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey. The contract of this company is one of the most liberal and simple of any in existence and is based upon purely scientific lines. It decides all applications for benefits on their merits, and never resorts to technicalities and tricky provisions of the law to avoid paying a meritorious claim. Within twelve hours after proof of death is filed in its office, all just claims for death benefits are paid. All claims for sick benefits are settled on the day the proof of disability is filed. In all its existence this company has never held a public meeting. It has not invaded the church to dispose of its risks. It has a good article for sale and its expert salesmen present it to the people at their doors.

The company is under the supervision of the Insurance Department of Pennsylvania, and has adopted a system of accounting that is well nigh perfect. It has proven the statement that colored men cannot succeed in directing great corporations in the North to be untrue. While it is true that the competition is more fierce, men who have the real stamina and business knowledge can and do succeed. During convention week the Keystone building was the cynosure of all eyes and the mecca for the pilgrims from North, East, West and South who wanted to learn of the system which had brought such success.

Those who have brought this undertaking to pass are: John C. Asbury, president and manager; William H. Jackson, vice-president and assistant manager; James H. Irvin, treasurer; John A. Carrington, secretary; John P. Turner, medical director; George H. White solicitor; Alonzo Taylor, inspector; Archer L. Trent, claim adjuster. Directors—The Rev. N. H. Hester, chairman; John C. Asbury, James H. Irvin, E. J. Bullock, W. H. Jackson, Robert West, John A. Carrington, Thomas Jones. Executive committee—J. C. Asbury, chairman; N. H. Hester, W. H. Jackson, John A. Carrington, Robert West.

THE INDEPENDENT BENEVOLENT ORDER.

On the first page of this issue will be found a statement of the Independent Benevolent Order, better known as the I. B. O. Society. This Order has taken firm hold upon the affection and interest of the people of this State and adjoining States, and is doing great good along the lines of other secret orders by taking care of the sick, burying the dead and relieving them along other lines. It has built up a membership of more than 35,000, over 10,000 of them in the State of Georgia. It has been an order to appeal to the common people, and it has proven to be one of their staunchest friends. It makes a specialty of giving prompt attention to all death and funeral claims. It has no red tape to deprive the members of their just benefits, but when a member dies, as soon as the proof of death is established the face value of the policy is paid at once. The Order owns about $50,000 worth of real estate in the city of Atlanta. They have just completed a magnificent three-story brick building on Bell street, near Auburn avenue, at a cost of $18,000, modern in every respect and equipped with the very best office furniture. The entire building and grounds are worth not less than $25,000. This is a monument to Supreme Grand Master Cannon, who conceived and carried it to a successful finish. It is also a credit to the Order and makes them a valuable asset to the race and the country.

The Order issues policies as high as $225.00, which makes it the cheapest society of its kind in the country, in that it gives the most benefits for the least money. In the past six months it has written $450,850.00 worth of business. This is all due to that peerless leader, the Hon. W. S. Cannon, the founder and moving spirit of this Order. It was founded by him seventeen years ago, and since that time it has grown in leaps and bounds, and today stands as one of the great secret orders in the nation. It has lodges and members in Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. This shows the stuff in the man. It shows his business foresight and his great love for his people. This has been the secret of the Order's success that Supreme Grand Master Cannon has always pursued the policy of doing the greatest good for the greatest number. He declares the Order was founded for no one man, but for the benefit of the members, and that he conceives it his duty to carry out the great purpose for which the Order was founded. He further states that it has been his policy to make his own interests or that of any individual subordinate to that of the great membership that makes the Order.

This Order also carries an endowment like the Odd Fellows, Masons and Pythians, and when you become a member of it you take a policy in one of the most progressive and successful Negro insurance companies. Insurance in the I. B. O., like insurance in all other secret orders, comes cheaper and is just as safe and sound as any old line legal reserve insurance. We only wish we had a few more Cannons in the community. Mr. Cannon is a large land owner and farmer. He owns considerable real estate in the city and is a stockholder and director in the Atlanta State Savings Bank; in fact, he is one of the founders and organizers of this reputable and commendable institution. In short, he is just he man to head such a splendid organization, and The Independent commends this good and great man as well as organization. Too much praise cannot be given this great leader who has brought such great things to pass.

GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY PYTHIANS

Meet in Paris and Hold a Busy and Remarkable Session.

Dr. Wendell, of Lexington, Elected Supreme Representative.

Collections Taken For Several Educational Institutions in the State.

MEET NEXT IN COVINGTON.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Grand

Lodge met this year in one of ou neighboring towns, Paris. It wa indeed a most excellent meetin that will mark an epoch in the history of the organization.

Grand Chancellor, A. L. Garvin, of Harrodsburg, Ky., called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 2, at 9 A. M. Over 90 delegates from every section of the State were present.

The first day's session was taken up in the election of a Grand Reporter, appointment of committees, and reports of Grand Officers. These reports were received with great satisfaction and proved that the Grand Lodge was progressive, and that the officers were on the alert to look after the general interest and uplift of the order. Sir Knight J. P. Caulder, well known in the Blue Grass section as an educator, is serving a Grand Auditor, he has alway served the Grand Lodge in a mos efficient way. It is the opinion o the writer that he merits a highe position in the hands of the Gran Lodge than what he has ever received.

The Grand Keeper of Record and Seals Report demonstrated th fact clearly that Bro. Robinso had worked like a trojan durin the past fiscal year. The membership of the Grand Lodge is awa ahead of the usual number.

Lexington is to be congratulated in having that fearless littl leader and physician, Dr. T. T Wendell, elected Supreme Representative. Dr. Wendell is alwa found on the side of right when i comes to defending the Gran Lodge. He proved his loyalty t "dear old Lexington" when some one intimated that Lexington was trying to make money out of the Grand Lodge. He rose to the floor and in an eloquent way told his hearers that Lexington was indeed too great a city to invite delegates and then charge them for every little thing, that when ever Lexington invited a body, she expected to lose. We felt like saying, "We second the motion." Lexington is the place where we spent our boyhood days. We have a deep love for the place.

Sir Knight W. W. Wilson, of Frankfort, was another delegate elected as Supreme Representative. Aside from the Uniform Department, he is ever on the alert to look after the best interest of the Grand Lodge.

Nearly all of the Grand Lodge Officers were re-elected with the exception of Rev. R. B. Martin, who was elected as Grand Marshal. B. F. Johnson, of Louisville, was elected as Past Grand Chancellor. H. F. Jones, of Hendenson, P. G. C., as President of Industrial Bureau; J. H. Garvin, Winchester, Vice President; Dr. S. R. George, Paducah, Secreta-

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I. O. I. DIRECTORY

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W. H. Hunter ....G. T.
Mrs. C. A. Gee ....G. E. T.
Mrs. Ida M. Riley ....G. R. S.
Dr. B. E. Huckabee..........G. M. R.
J. C. Wright ....G. Chaplain

Grand Master's Board.

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Chas. E. Miller ....Decatur, Ala.
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The Guardian

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No. 222 Winston street, Huntsville, Ala. Meets first and third Saturdays monthly.

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No. 408 Spraggin street, Huntsville, Ala.

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Mrs. Rachel Burton ....M. B. Q.
Mrs. E. J. Robins ....Chorn.
Pike Road, Ala.

Court 306, Birmingham.

Mrs. Maggie Ray ....M. B. Q.
Mrs. Gertrude Williams ....Chron.
No. 811 South Fifteenth street, Birmingham, Ala.

Lodge 460, Montgomery.

Mrs. J. C. Wright ....W. M.
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No. 200 Holt street.
Meets second and fourth Friday night.

Court 293, South Elyton.

Mrs. Mattie Morelock ....M. B. Q.
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No. 221 George street, South Elyton, Ala.

Court 214, Montgomery.

Mrs. Josephine Lee ....M. B. Q.
Mrs. Mary Ward ....Chron.
No. 418 Ripley street, Montgomery, Ala.

Court 267, Mitchell Station.

Mrs. Phoeby Kennedy ....M. B. Q.
Mrs. Nellie Tole ....Chron.
Mitchell Station, Ala.

Lodge 52, Decatur.

Mr. J. S. Guthrie ....C. S.
Mr. J. E. Boalware ....W. M.
Decatur, Ala. Meets every Friday night.

Court 277, Pots Oak.

Mrs. Harriet Coleman ....M. B. Q.
Mrs. Jamie Burney ....Chron.
Post Oak, Ala.

Court 259, Brundidge.

Mrs. Mattie Belser ....Chron.
Mrs. Stella Roseberry ....M. B. Q.
Brundidge, Ala.

Lodge 464, Cecil.

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Mr. Nathaniel Williams ....Chron.
Cecil, Ala.

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Court 218, Birmingham.

Mrs. Lula Ellison ....Chron.
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No. 831 Fifteen street, Birmingham, Ala.

Court 171, Decatur.

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Lodge 14, Huntsville.

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Mr. J. H. E. Jones ....C. S.
No. 206 Holmes street, Huntsville, Ala

Court 108, Huntsville.

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No. 423 Adams avenue, Huntsville, Ala.

ELKS IN ANNUAL MEETING

The N.Y.A. 8-28-13

Fourteenth Annual Session Being Largely Attended at Atlantic City—Hot Fight On for Exalted Ruler—Harry Pace Not After Re-election.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 27.—Spreading antlers are to be seen on every side and the jolly good will and merriment which characterize the "Best People on Earth" is everywhere in evidence in Atlantic City this week for the fourteenth annual session of the Independent Benevolet Protective Order of Elks of the World is beig held at Fitzgerald's Auditorium. The facilities of the town, ample though they are, are taxed to accommodate the vast number of Elks who have assembled from all sections of the country, attracted not only by the meeting of their grand lodge, but also by the many divertisments of Atlantic City.

The proceedings began with the convention sermon on Sunday, August 24, preached by the grand chaplain, the Rev. W. George Avant, D. D., of New Berne, N. C., at St. James A. M. E. Church at 3 P. M. Music was furnished by a choir of fifty voices.

The public reception to delegates was held Monday by Light House Lodge, No. 9; Ocean Temple Lodge, No. 13, and the ladies' auxiliary, at the Elks' Home, 1207½ Arctic avenue. At 8.30 P. M. Monday, the public session was held at Fitzgerald's Auditorium, and an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Wm. Riddle.

Grand Exalted Ruler Harry H. Pace of Atlanta, Ga., presided over the opening sessions and his popularity with brother Elks was shown by the affectionate and enthusiastic greeting given him. Mr. Pace gives up his exalted position with this session, positively declining to allow his name to be presented for re-election.

Tuesday morning's session was devoted to business, the afternoon was given to sightseeing, bathing, yachting, etc., and at night the ladies' auxiliary tendered a reception to the visitors at the Elk's Home.

To-day's session of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Temple will be followed by an outing at Longport and a reception at Elk's Home by Ocean Lodge, No. 13.

Thursday will be a gala day, as the grand parade takes place in the afternoon, followed by a field day at Inlet Park. The crowning event of the week, from a social point of view, will be the annual ball and reception at night at Young's Million Dollar Pier, which will be opened to Negroes for the first time.

The session will conclude Friday with business sessions morning and afternoon and the annual banquet at night at Fitzgerald's Auditorium Cafe.

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PYTHIANS LOSE PROPERTY IN FIRE

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Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Sept. 16.—In the recent fire here which caused $12,000,000 damage, many colored families were made homeless. The Pythian Sanitarium was destroyed. J. T. T. Warren and Dr. C. M. Wade were among the heavy losers.

The Freeman. Oct 4-13

The Negro is going forward. The Odd Fellows Benefit Association in Mississippi during the past two years collected $629,819.95, and has paid to beneficiaries of its deceased members $515,281.99. After deducting this and other expenses there is in the treasury a balance of about $41,000. This is an excellent showing and is an object lesson of what the enterprising Negro can do in the line of business and benevolence.

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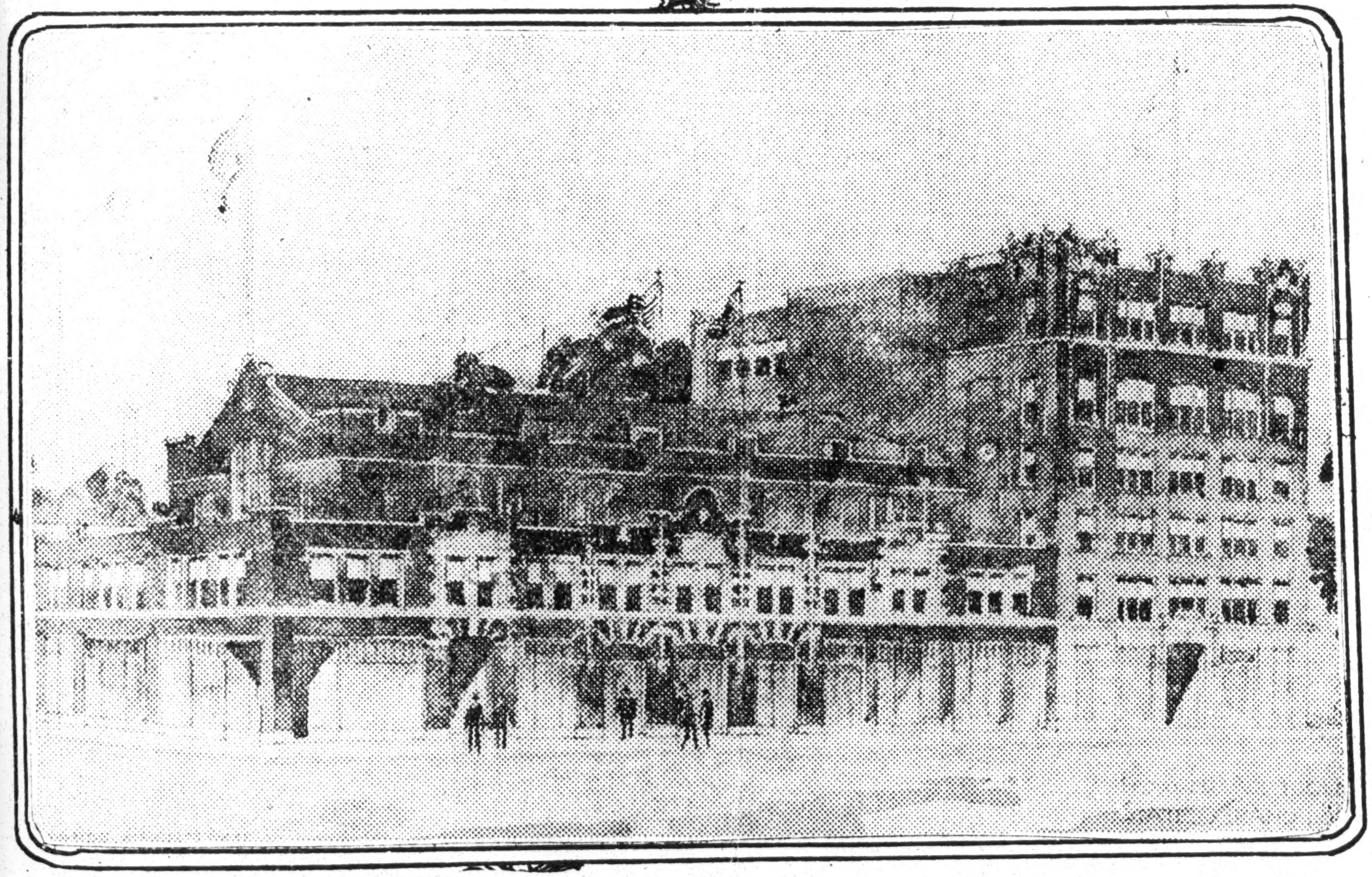
AUDITORIUM OF NEGRO ODD FELLOWS WILL BE ONE OF THE HANDSOMEST BUILDINGS IN SOUTH

Constitution 4-6-13



How the negro Odd Fellows' building and auditorium will look when completed.

The negro Odd Fellows of Atlanta, after completing and paying for a handsome hall and office building, are now preparing to erect an auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,000 people.

The auditorium will be in the rear of six fine stores fronting on Auburn avenue, between Bell and Butler streets. The new building will adjoin the hall and office building, and the two buildings will occupy an entire block which is owned by the Odd Fellows. The auditorium and stores will cost about $100,000. The hall and office building cost $110,000.

The auditorium, when completed, will be the only one of the kind in the south. It will have a large stage, and will be used for all negro conventions and other large gatherings.

The negro Odd Fellows of Atlanta are in good financial shape, and they expect to pay for their new building as they did for the one already erected, by subscriptions among themselves, without calling for any outside help.

Among the well-known and prosperous colored citizens who are identified with the work are:

B. J. Davis, Dr. W. F. Penn, William Driscoll, Dr. H. R. Butler, G. M. Howell, Dr. A. B. Jones, S. Cunningham, W. T. Gibson, R. E. Farrar and Henry L. Johnson.

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS ARE ON BETTER BUSINESS BASIS

Mont Adv 8-11-13

Annual Session at Birmingham Sits Down Hard on Combinations for Office

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 10—When the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows closed its twenty-first annual session in Birmingham, Saturday night, it had placed itself in a fair way to the redemption of its back claims, and to regain some of its former prestige among the people of the negro race. For some time the order has been torn by factional fights, far behind in its endowment claims, owing practically over $100,000 and losing its membership rapidly. The membership of more than 30,000 ten years ago has dwindled to about 5,000 now.

The most noticeable feature in the grand lodge work has been the scramble for office, and even in its impoverished condition, leading negroes continued to scrap over the offices. The delegates sat down rather hard on combinations and trades at this session, however, and elected the ticket put up by the administration, as an endorsement of the work of former Grand Master P. T. Mitchell, the Secretary H. B. Kenan, and the Treasurer John G. Wright had been able to do to restore some measure of credit to the organization.

Grand Master P. T. Mitchell, of Troy, refused to stand for re-election and was succeeded by John C. Wright, of Tuscaloosa, one of the strongest and most substantial negroes in the State. Wright defeated a combination made by C. A. Howze, a former Grand Master, who is alleged to have brought the order to much of its chaotic condition, and J. S. Jackson, a preacher, who is Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Zion Church and a candidate for bishop.

H. B. Kenan, a tailor from Selma, whose report showed the safe handling and intelligent accounting of more than $40,000 during the year, was re-elected secretary of the order for the ensuing year by acclamation, while George E. Newstelle, of Montgomery, was elected treasurer.

One prominent member of the organization declared that the negro Odd Fellows were now in better shape than they had been for years, and that the adoption of the Asbury Robertson proposition would immediately restore the organization to the good graces of the people by showing them that the administration meant to do the right thing by the widows and orphans who were without their money so long.

The Asbury Robertson proposition provided for the payment of $1.50 by unfinancial members, who wished to rejoin the organization, all of this fee going to the endowment department for the liquidation of outstanding claims. The proposition was adopted, and it is estimated that in a ninety day campaign, with good faith and hard work, practically 15,000 of these unfinancial members can be brought again into the order. This will put into the treasury more than $20,000, which it is provided will be used only for the liquidation of outstanding claims against the endowment department.

JOHN G. JONES

The San ~~Antonio~~ Inquirer

Writer on Legality of Masonic Grand Lodges.

San Antonio, Tex.

3/29/13

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19th, 1912.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor and the pleasure to inform you that I arrived home from Europe all safe and had a most delightful time. If I had been President of the United States or a Prince of a foreign country, I could not have been treated better. The Masonic convention that was held at Luxenburg, Europe, November 4th, 1912, was largely attended by prominent Masons from all parts of Europe.

I was accompanied to the Masonic convention to Luxenburg, Europe, from the United States by Bro. W. T. Grant, 33, Grand Master of St. Andrews Grand Lodge of New Orleans, La., Bro. J. C. White, Grand Master of the Alpha Grand Lodge of Boston, Mass., Bro. J. J. Burnell, Grand Master of the Hiram Grand Lodge of New York, who rendered excellent service in the Masonic convention in helping to secure proper recognition for the leading Colored Masons of this country. We visited many of the old Masonic Lodges in France, Germany, England, Holland, Belgium and Luxemburg, Europe, and was received, acknowledged and recognized by all of the lodges and brethren that we visited. We established our legitimacy and regularity of Freemasonry from the First to the Thirty-third degrees and in every department of Freemasonry which we represented to every body of Masons in Europe and that settles that matter for all time to come.

The so-called Prince Hall Masons in the United States, that have talked so loud and long about their regularity and legitimacy, absolutely failed to make any showing at all concerning their regularity and legality as Masons in the United States; as a matter of fact, they have been put out of business and will only be known in the future as a Masonic relic of dissension and irregularity of by-gone days.

The Masonic convention at Luxenburg, Europe, knocked out completely, the old system that has been handed down to us by prejudiced White Masons in the United States for many years and that is the White Masons in the United States, have held that there could not be but only one regular and legal Grand Lodge of Masons in any State or the District of Columbia. The Masonic convention tore and blew that old theory and system all to pieces; they adopted a law and held that there car be one White Masonic Grand Lod of Masons and one legal Color Grand Lodge of Masons in one St or the District of Columbia; and the White Grand Masons in a S or the District of Columbia can recognize and affiliate with a Grand Lodge of Colored Masons in the same State or in the District of Columbia and both the Colored Grand Lodge and the White Grand Lodge in such state or District of Columbia are both regular and genuine Grand Lodges of Masons in such State or the District of Columbia. They also held that there cannot be two regular and legal Grand Lodges of Colored Masons in one State or the District of Columbia.

The holding and upholding of the law that there can be one legal Grand Lodge of White Masons and one legal Grand Lodge of Colored Masons in one State, Territory or the District of Columbia met the approval of every delegate in the convention from all parts of Europe and also the white delegates that were present from Masonic Grand Lodges in the United States.

The Masonic law that was adopted at the Masonic convention in Luxenburg, Europe, was some years ago, introduced in the White Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio and the White Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, the White Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, and the White Masonic Grand Lodge of Illinois, and in those various Grand Lodges in the United States, it came very near passing, but was defeated by a small minority.

At the Masonic meeting at Luxenburg, an International Masonic Committee was elected and the following committee was elected in the United States to write up and report on the origin and regularity and legality of each Colored Grand Lodge of Masons in the United States of America and Canada, so the matter will be finally put and settled for all times to come throughout the world as to which is the regular and genuine and lawful Grand Lodge of Colored Masons in each State and Territory and the District of Columbia and Canada.

And one of the things that they adopted at the Masonic meeting and incorporated in the power of this committee, and that is no other person or Mason or Lodge or Grand Lodge or any body of Masons cannot write up or communicate with any of the Grand Bodies of Masons in the world concerning their origin or regularity except that it is and has been done and accomplished by the committee that has been appointed in the United States for the purpose and that puts an end to all controversies along those lines.

Bro. J. J. Burnell of New York was elected vice-chairman of the International Masonic Committee for the United States of America and Canada. The following committee was elected for the United States of America and Canada to write up and present the origin, history, regularity or irregularity of every Grand Lodge of Colored Masons in the United States of America and Canada.

Bro. J. J. Burnell of New York was elected and has charge of the following States to write up and report on the history, origin, regularity or irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the following States: State of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Bro. J. C. White was elected one of the committee to write up the history, regularity or irrigularity of the Grand Lodges in the following States: Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Vermont.

Bro. William T. Grant of New Orleans, La., was elected a member of the committee to write up the origin, history, regularity or irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the States of Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Bro. John G. Jones of Chicago, Ill., was elected a member of the committee to write up the origin, history, regularity or irregularity of the Grand Lodges in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, California, Canada, Colorado, State of Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa, Utah, Nevada, Wisconsin, Kansas and Michigan.

There are many important things concerning Freemasonry and the way they practice Freemasonry in foreign countries are very much different in many respects, particularly in a lodge room, from the way we practice it in the United States.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN G. JONES, 33.

ALABAMA NEGRO MASONS

MEETING IN TUSKEGEE

Ment Adv 8-20-13

Large Attendance at the Thirtieth Grand Communication—Eastern Star Meets

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Aug. 19—Following the long and ancient custom of the order of the Most Worshipful Sovereign Grand Lodge of the A. F. and A. M., Jurisdiction of the State of Alabama was called to order at 9 o'clock this morning in the thirty-fifth grand communication by Professor James T. Gregory, M. W. G. M., of Greenville. Devotional services were conducted by Right W. G. C. Rev P. W. White, of Georgiana.

After the opening of the lodge in due and ancient form the Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials: J. W. Powell, J. T Daniel, J. C. Moultrie, L. Swanson and E. A. Benjamin.

The Grand Lodge is one of the largest ever assembled in the State of Alabama. The report shows that 521 chartered lodges with quite a number of U. D. lodges, with a membership of 11.269, exclusive of the lodges failing to make returns. Dr. Booker T. Washington, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, the acknowledged leader of the negor race and one like unto William E. Gladstone, who can take a seat anywhere and call the "world to order," is necessarily absent. He is President of the National Negro Business League, which is now in session in Philadelphia, Pa. The institution was fully and ably represented by Professor Warren Logan, Treasurer of the Institute, who, in very choice diction, extended a most hearty and cordial welcome to teh officers and members of the Grand Lodge. Grand Master Gregory, in a few remarks, called upon W H. Mixon, of Selma, to respond.

The Grand Master read his annual address, which was full of thought and inspiration. He showed a thorough knowledge of the work committed to his care. He called special attention, first, to the condition of the order, second, to the eduactional development; third, the great cause of temperance, and made several urgent recommendations, which the Grand Lodge received enthusiastically.

The following are the grand officers: J. T. Gregory, G. M.; W. T. Woods, G. D.; C. H. Evans, G. S. W.; Oscar Lee, G. J. W.; J. O. Diffay, G. T.; C. N McDaniels, G. S.; R. B. Hudson, G. E. T.; A. A. Peters, G. E. S.; P. W. White, Silas Jones, J. L. Garrett, E. Humphrey, J. W. Powell, James Byrd, Benjamin Moseley, C. Tentnan, Frank Curtis, A. B. Townsend, A. N. Stenson, A. J. Hannibal, Henry Roberts, B. J. Harrison, G. C. Todd, Grand Auditing committee; Peter F Clark, Chairman; Charles Henley, J. B. Ramsey.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

Credentials—John C. Moultrie, F. L. McWilliams, J. T. Daniel, E. A. Benjamin, L. Swanson.

Grand Master's Address—Dr. N. Nesbitt, R. Daly, R. L. Mabry, T. E. Rust, W. W. Bentley.

Returns of Lodges—A. H. Williams, W. L. Williams, A. W. Penney, N. Alford, E. J. McLaughlin.

Charters and Dispensations—B. L. Nicholson, H. H. Garrett, alter Thompson, D. E. Allman, T. J. Hooks.

By-Laws—H. D. Davidson, A. B. Townsend, Charles Woods, W. E. Stringer, T. L. Bryant.

Obituary—Rev. W. E. Burton, J. H. Tunsell, A. J. Jackson, A. S. Jackson and W. J. Turner.

Appeals and Grievances—W. E. Tibbs, W. L. Brantley, J. W. Keyser, W. P. Burgess, J. R. Curtis.

Jurisprudence—W. H. Stewart, U. D. Nichols, W. M. Broughton, W. R. Lee, J. B. Lynch.

Temperance—Harry E. Thomas, R. M. Patton, M. W. Moore, Thomas Oliver, A. W. Webb.

Charity—Grand Master, Senior and Junior Warden.

Foreign Correspondence—Jerimiah Bonds, Gus Williams, O. W. Page.

Education—S. M. Miller, H. C. Benford, J. S. Donald, W. L. Williams J. H. Haynesworth

Endowment—I. Burden, M. K. Jackson, C. L. Williams, M. D. Garner, Jordan Jackson.

Exemplification of the Work—Saul Shorter, E. A. Langster, N. W. Brooks, J. P. Phillips, S. M. Powell and John Rodgers.

Resolutions—Dr. W. H. Mixon, J. R Johnson, T. W. Tobin.

Past Master Degree—James Maxel Sam Mitchell, W. J. Lawrence, Starling McKinney, J. E. Horton, F. C. Marsh, A. C. Ardis, W. R. Taylor, Bailey Beard, C. J. Slavin, L. R. Day, W. E. F. Pickett, C. H. Moore, J. J. Poe, Willis Allen, Flem Fort, G. W. Meadows, L. R. Robins, A. L. Brewer, I. W. Ware, W. W. McGuire.

The Royal Grand Chapter was called to order in Douglass Hall at 9:00 a. m. by the Royal Grand Matron, Janie Belasco, of Mobile, and Royal Grand Patron, Prof. H. A. Knox, of Ensley. The largest delegation of women is in attendance that ever assembled in the Royal Grand Chapter. After appointing committee on credentials and rules, the Grand Lodge and Chapter closed for the afternoon session. Indications point to the next Grand Lodge meeting in the city of Selma, Alabama.

Order of Mules.

The Monies Advocate
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The benevolent order of Mules an organization started some times ago by. Mr Chas, Bates and Mr Ed. Cato, gave outing and smoker, at Mill & Timbers Hall. Thursday Night Oct. 31. 1912. On the above occasion the Hon Sid. Lyons, Mr McBride and Mr John L. Waters, better known as "Uncle Ben" were present and expressed themselves as being interested in the success of the order of Mules. Hon Sid. Lyons, made brief remarks showing his readiness to aid the order of Mules any time called upon to do so.

Mr John L. Waters or Uncle Ben made remarks and as a begining had each Mule to give the Mule sign. Happiness was shown as each Mule made the sign.

Mr Jas R Knox, of the Knox Bros Undertaking, Co. was also present and made talk in which he assured the mules. that the colums of the Advocate are open to the publication of any thing of interest to theorder When the speaking was over delcious refreshments were served by the refreshment Com. which was much enjoyed,

Because of urgent business leading mule Mr Chas, Bates could not be present which brought regreat. Mr Ed. Cat. Vice leading mule was. prsent and preseded most excettently The meeting was a success and each mule went away cheerful and happy to meet at mule head qnarters next regular meeting.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS ERECT A $60,000 BUILDING

The F. 8-23-13

Have Made Record Which Should Command Attention of All.

Among the secret orders of this country there is no order doing more to increase the worth and wealth of the Negro race in America than the National Order of Mosaic Templars of America. Recently this widely spreading and growing order began the erection of a modern four-story building with the largest auditorium, black or white, of any building in the city of Little Rock, Ark., and perhaps one of the largest in the South. The magnificent structure i sto be completed October 1, 1913, the building to cost $60,000.

The National Order of Mosaic Templars of America has been in existence for more than thirty-two years, and has been a success from the start. It is purely a Negro organization that has done wonders for the uplift of the race. A point that has been watched with particular interest i nthe march of progress of order is that the Templars have increased their endowment surplus instead of decreasing it, as we have noted in other organizations of the like.

The Freeman endorses the National Order of Mosaic Templars of America, feeling that the order is one of the safest organizations in the country, judging the future by the past.

THE FREEMAN FOR SALE AT CAIRO, ILL.

The Freeman is for sale at John M. Watson's, 330 Twenty-fourth street, Cairo, Ill.

ORDER OF CYRENES.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, at 146 Tremont street, Mt. Calvary Royal Court, No. 10, Order of Cyrenes, was reorganized by Past Royal Grand Commandress and Royal Grand Secretary Mrs. Elizabeth Banks, and Royal Grand Chief Engineer, Mr. John W. Bizey, both of Philadelphia, Pa. About fifty new members were initiated and after a collation was served prepared by Caterer Madison, the officers were degreed and installed as follows: Royal Commandress, Mrs. Cornelia Robinson; Royal Martha, Mrs. Ella Hall; Royal Magdalene, Mrs. Margret Easton; Royal Secretary, Miss J. B. Selden; Royal Treasurer, Mrs. Mary L. Johnson; Royal Senior Shephard, Mrs. Mary F. Donaldson; Royal Junior Shephard, Mrs. Ida Hinton; Royal Inspector, Mrs. Emma Carter; Royal Altress, Mrs. Laura Smith; Royal Senior Steward, Mrs. Isadore Dix; Royal Junior Steward, Mrs. Martha Dent; Royal Inside Sentinel, Miss Jennie Saunders; Royal Outside Sentinel, Mrs. Jessie Johnson; Royal Chief Engineer, I. L. Roberts; Royal Assist. Chief Engineer, W. A. Dent; Royal Past Commandress, Mrs. Hattie A. Davis. The Cyrene Court is an auxiliary of the Knights Templar and is under the cover of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. Among some of the members were Mrs. Hattie Robinson, Miss Carrie A. P. Brown, Mrs. Nancy Hunt, Mrs. Mary High, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Mary Hunt, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Ella Lee, Mrs. Hammon, Mrs. Pattie Lowther, Mrs. Virginia Ditmus, Mrs. Sarah Owens, Miss Ollie Johnson, Mrs. Caroline Cannon, Mrs. Ellen Dorsay.

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few, if any, are better versed in Masonic mysteries.

Mr. Harris is the appointed deputy for the Valley of Alabama, Ancient, Accepted and Scottish Rite Masons, and also deputy for the Shriners, Desert of Alabama, Oasis of Birmingham. In all of his undertakings for the cause of the order he has the hearty co-operation of the illustrious Princes. He is also deputy of Daughters of Isis, an auxiliary of the Shriners of which Mr. Murphy of Baltimore is Imperial Potentate.

To talk with Mr. Harris about Masonry is to realize that you are in the presence of a man who is saturated with the Masonic idea, and that he is never so happy as when he is backing up his ideas with honest effort to advance the cause which he loves so well.

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VIRGINIA KNIGHTS LOSE THEIR FIGHT

Supreme Chancellor Is Upheld In Suspending Virginia Grand Lodge

TO APPEAL TO COURTS

John Mitchell, Jr. and Colleagues Will Take Contest to United States Court at Richmond, Va.

GREEN DEFEATS ROBINSON

Disagreement between Officials Ends in Defeat of C. K. Robinson for Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal—

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

BALTIMORE, Md., September 3.—After a most eventful meeting, the seventeenth biennial session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias and the fifteenth biennial session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe came to a close Saturday night. The next session will be held at Columbus, O.

The session adjourned after a whole day had been spent in adopting and rejecting proposed changes in the constitution. Among the amendments adopted was one prohibiting past chancellors, not delegates, from voting in grand lodge sessions.

The delegates voted to sustain the action of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green in suspending the Virginia Grand Lodge and order its dissolution. The Grand Lodge of that State was suspended some time ago, following its refusal to pay certain taxes, charging extravagance on the part of the management of the Supreme Lodge.

The charges were made by John Mitchell, Jr., grand chancellor for Virginia. Mr. Mitchell and his delegation appeared here, but were denied admission, their case being referred to the committee on credentials.

Supreme Lodge Refuses $2,500 from Virginia Delegation.

The Virginia delegation, it is said, tendered $2,500 as full payment for all taxes due, but this was refused, as the Supreme Lodge officials claimed that $3,000 was due.

Mitchell filed notice with Supreme Chancellor Green Saturday afternoon that a writ restraining the Supreme Lodge from continuing the suspension and dissolving his jurisdiction would be filed in the United States Court at Richmond on September 25.

There were two rival sets of delegates claiming admission from Oklahoma. One was headed by Dr. A. H. Tyson and the other by W. H. Harrison. The latter was seated.

C. K. Robinson, of St. Louis, attacked the administration in his biennial report as supreme keeper of records and seal. He lost his position after serving eighteen successive years. In recognition of meritorious service the Supreme Lodge conferred on him the honor of Past Supreme Chancellor. Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky., was unanimously elected to succeed him. Dr. Underwood is a native of Ohio, but has been practicing medicine in Kentucky for the past twenty-two years. He is prominent in political and fraternal circles in his State. George A. Watty, grand chancellor for Maryland, was rewarded for his efforts in entertaining the session with election to the position of supreme master at arms.

Green Re-elected Grand Chancellor.

J. Rupert Jefferson of West Virginia entered the race for supreme chancellor, but was easily defeated by S. W. Green, who has held the position since 1908.

The remaining officers are: J. L. Mitchell, Austin, Tex., supreme lecturer: the Rev. A. H. Newton, Camden, N. J., supreme prelate; John H. Young, Pine Bluff, Ark., supreme master of exchecquer; Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, supreme vice chancellor; A. T. Watkins, Chicago, supreme attorney; J. A. Lattie, Winston-Salem, N. C., supreme inner guard; John W. Harris, Jacksonville, Fla., supreme outer guard: R. R. Jackson, Chicago, major general of the uniform department, and Dr. J. L. Ward, Indianapolis, supreme medical examiner.

The officers of the Supreme Court of Calanthe follow: Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, supreme worthy councilor: Mrs. R. Barnes, Louisiana, supreme instructor; Mrs. Jessie D. Robinson, Missouri, supreme inspectrix; Mrs. J. M. Hazelwood, West Virginia, supreme orator; Mrs. C. A. Curl, Illinois, supreme register of deeds: Mrs. A. D Key., supreme receiver of deposits; Mrs. F. M. Crosby, Alabama, supreme escort; Mrs. Cora M. Allen, Louisiana supreme directress: Mrs. L. B. Reid, Florida, supreme directress; Mrs. Ann J. Wallace, Mississippi, supreme conductress: Mrs. Bertha Reid, Indiana, supreme herald; John S. Fielding, Ohio, supreme protector, and Dr. A. N. Prince, Texas, supreme medical director.

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Masonic Grand Lodge at Tuskegee Institute

The Most Soverign Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Alabama, held their annual meeting at Tuskegee Institute this week, the session extending from Tuesday through Thursday.

The meeting convened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning in Huntington Hall, Professor J. T. Gregory, M. S. G. M., presiding. Other officers present were W. T. Woods, of Mobile, Grand Deputy; C. N. McDaniels, Grand Secretary; A. A. Peters, Endowment Secretary; J. O. Diffey, Grand Treasurer, and R. B. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer.

There were present nearly 1,000 delegates, by far the largest representation of the Grand Lodge of Masons and National Grand Chapter ever assembled in Alabama. The report shows that there are 11,000 Masons and 6,000 women in the National Chapter. Three hundred twenty-seven Lodges were represented.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Logan as Acting Principal, Principal Washington's absence being necessitated by the meeting also this week of the National Negro Business League at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of which he is President. The response was made by Rev. W. H. Mixon, D. D., of Selma, Alabama.

The local committee under Major Ramsey looked after the comfort of the delegates. Those who could not be accommodated in the homes of families of teachers and others in the community were given quarters in the Institute buildings.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Grand Lodge has held its annual meeting at Tuskegee Institute.

The I. S. 8-23-13

PYTHIANS HAVE $27,453.00

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ENDOWMENT BOARD MEETS IN MEMPHIS AND CLEARS THE BOOKS.

Memphis Sun

Saturday of last week the Endowment Board of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Tennessee met in quartely session.

The meetings of the board were held in the office of Grand Attorney B. F. Booth. Every session was harmonious.

The members of the Endowment Board were: W. S. Thompson, Nashville, president; A. Thomas Hill, Pulaski, secretary; Wayman Wilkerson, Memphis, treasurer; U. W. Richardson, Chattanooga; T. G. Robinson, Dyersburg; J. W. Whitfield, Grand Chancellor J. P. Crawford and Grand Attorney B. F. Booth.

Secretary Hill's report created great interest and enthusiasm. It showed the endowment department to be in a healthy condition. The total resources of the department are $27,453.16, while the liabilities are $6,558.66.

For the forty-second quarter endowment receipts amounted to $5,141.47, while policy receipts came to $259.25. Death claims filed for the quarter were $4,450, or $950 less than the receipts. The net worth of the department is $20,894.50.

The board took action in twenty cases, two of which were in Memphis, one in Lodge No. 25, the other in No. 1. Among the claims reported for adjustment was No. 633, arising in No. 104 of Memphis.

The members of the board, together with Supreme Representative A. W. Fite, the Pythian standard bearer, all expressed themselves as ready for the Baltimore session of the Supreme Lodge. While there have been some differences between this Grand Domain and the Supreme Lodge, peace is now fully restored. Tennessee will cut a big figure at the supreme session.

The Convention of Knights Ended

The S. Tribune

GRAND CHANCELLOR HUTTO AND HIS COLLEAGUES RE-ELECTED

7-12-13

Administration Forces Had But Little Opposition—Savannah Wins Band Contest—Much Wholesome Legislation—Parade Very Inspiring—Royal Company Among Prize Winners.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias which met in Brunswick, Ga., this week was one of the most successful and harmonious sessions of that body in recent years.

The business of the Grand Lodge was dispatched with unusual celerity and much wholesome legislation was carried through.

The attendance at this last session of the Grand Lodge was perhaps the largest in the history of the order, and all during Monday, the day on which the convention opened, the immerse crowds that came into Brunswick made that city appear several times its real size. As each city's delegation would arrive there would be much cheering and especially so if the delegates were accompanied by a band.

The second days' session of the Grand Lodge was a very busy one. The annual address was delivered by Rev. J. M. Nabrit, of Augusta. It was a masterly effort and he advised the members of the order to be loyal to the flag of their country. Rev. Nabrit's address was about thirty minutes in duration and thoroughly enjoyed by the members of the order.

The ease with which the Hutto forces carried the election of officers of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday morning was the topic of much discussion, for it had been expected that the Stoney forces had developed considerable strength and would give the administration a hot fight for the offices.

The election was held early Wednesday and much enthusiasm was manifested just prior to the election. It took but a short time to elect the officers as the opposition to the administration, seeing that it was weak, withdrew and the entire Hutto staff of officers was re-elected by acclamation,

The grand prize drill was held at the baseball park on Thursday morning, was participated in by 25 companies and was particularly closely contestd. It was decined as follows:

Class A, first prize, Union Company, Macon, $100; second prize. Hannibal Company, Macon, $65 third prize, Damon Company, Augusta, $35.

Class B, first prize, Royal Company, Savannah, $15; Lilly White of Columbus, and Starks, of Fitzgerald, tied for second place and third.

The prize drill among the Courts of Calanthe resulted as follows:

C. A. Catledge Company, of Macon, $25, first prize; Swatiska Company, of Atlanta, $15, second prize; R. C. Cody Company, of Macon, $10, third prize.

Cadets' Contest—Maceo Company 7, first prize; Cresswell Company 3, second prize.

The band contest was the most spirited of all and was contested between the Second Regiment band of Augusta, and the First Regiment band of Savannah. The prize was awarded to the Savannah band.

During the encampment several band concerts were given by the visiting bands and they were very much enjoyed.

The uniform ranks broke camp Thursday morning and by night practically half of the visitors were on their way home.

The sessions of the Courts of Calanthe were very interesting and were presided over by Mrs. R. L. Barnes of this city, grand worthy counsellor. The financial report of the courts was shown to be excellent, and the membership was increased greatly during the year. Mrs. Barnes was unanimously re-elected to the office which she has filled so creditably for so many years.

The following are the officers elected:

G. N. Stoney, Augusta, P. G C.; Geo. R. Hutto, Bainbridge G. C; W. T. Reid, Macon, G. V C.; A. W. Bryant, Savannah, G. P.; B. W. Warren, Americus, G. K. of R. S.; C. H. McCarthy, Albany, G. M. of E.; F. M. Cohen, Savannah, Secretary and Treasurer of the B. of E.; E. J. Turner, Columbus. G. M. R; C. A. Clarke, Brunswick, G. L.; C. J. Smith, Bainbridge, G. I. G.; J, W. Davis, Dawson, G. O. G.; G. W. Brown, Albany, G. M. at A; G. S. Williams, Savannah, Supreme Representative.

The Grand Lodge will meet next year at Valdosta, Ga.

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BARNES HEADS VIRGINIA MASONS

Deputy Grand Master Elevated to Highest Office In Gift of the Fraternity

SUCCEEDS DR. P. F. MORRIS

Other Changes Made. Next Meeting of Grand Lodge In Alexandria.

(Special to Journal and Guide)

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 18.—Beginning with Monday night, the 8th instant, the Masons easily took charge of the hospitality of this little city. Everybody felt at ease because of their coming, and too, everything was in order for their reception. On the evening of the 8th, the Most E. H. Priest, C. W. Jordan, of this city, convened the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with one of the largest delegations of its history. The welcome addresses were delivered by Prof. J. A. Eastes, W. W. Newby and Dr. J. F. Jordan. Responded to by P. M. and Grand Secretary, Jas. H. Hayes and the Rev. Dr. L. L. Downing. After the necessary business coming before the Chapter had been attended to in due form, Chairman N. A. Twitty made it pleasant for the Companions. Messrs. Isham Powell and J. L. White assisted Mr. Twitty in making it pleasant for the Chapter.

Large Delegation Present

Tuesday brought the full delegation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to the city. At 6 p. m., the Grand Master, Rev. Dr. P. W. Morris called the craft to order, and ably presided throughout the sessions. The welcome address on the part of Mt. Vernon Lodge, the host, was given by Prof. J. A. Estes. Mr. J. W. Barnes responded. The Mayor being out of the city, Dr. H. W. Campbell, one of leading dentists, delivered the address in behalf of the city. He was introduced by Mr. W. H. Crocker. Attorney Harris, of Petersburg, responded. Dr. O. T. Day and others made able addresses. Taken as a whole, these were among the best ever delivered in this city. Wednesday morning found the Grand Lodge down to hard work of the real business of the Lodge. This continued to the end of the great banquet Thursday night, when the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia adjourned to meet in Alexandria, the second Tuesday in December 1914. Deputy Grand Master, J. W. Barnes, Portsmouth, was elected M. W. Grand Master for the ensuing year. Rev. L. L. Downing, Deputy G. Master; Wilson F. Foreman, S. G. Warden; Prof. W. F. Grasty, J. G. Warden; Hon. A. W. Harris, S. G. Deacon; P. M. G. D. Johnson, Treas.; Dr. H. L. Harris, Grand Secretary.

Mt. Vernon Lodge, Chairman Twitty, the Eastern Star ladies and the open doors of hospitalities of the citizenry of Suffolk deserve much credit for the great entertainment of the two Grand Lodges in one week.

Americus Chronicle 9-30-13

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$100,000 Odd Fellow Building Dedicated

Sav. Tribune 4-5-13

The grand opening and dedication of the $100,000 office building which the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of this State have erected in Atlanta, Ga., took place on Tuesday of this week amid impressive ceremonies.

The program which was rendered at these ceremonies, which took place in the evening at Bethel A. M. E. church, were witnessed by a packed house. The participants were from several sections of the country. Bishop J. S. Flipper, D. D., L. L. D., of the A. M. E. church, acted as master of ceremonies.

Visitors from many points of this and neighboring states were present at the exercises.

For an hour after the exercises at the church, the building which is situated at Auburn avenue and Bell street was open for inspection.

The building which is a brick structure five stories high, is one of the finest office buildings in the country owned by a Negro fraternal organization.

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KNIGHTS OF MISSOURI HIGHLY PROSPEROUS

Grand Lodge Finances in a Most Healthy Condition—Grand Chancellor Well Pleased with the Present Outlook—Meeting of Beneficiary Board Shows Marked Success.

Freeman — 5-8-13

St. Louis, Mo., April 22, 1913.

Enterprises, corporations, and secret organizations should be classified and rated according to what they practise and do, for the principles upon which they stand, and the work that they do for humanity.

The corporation or secret organization that practices these principles in the greatest degree necessarily ranks first in its contribution to the cause and betterment of humanity and should receive just and fair consideration and encouragement.

That the Knights of Pythias of Missouri hold high rank in this particular and, under the able leadership of Grand Chancellor, A. W. Lloyd, is contributing her part in the race uplift goes without saying. "Let the good work go on." All should join our victorious army.

The Beneficiary Board held its third quarterly meeting Saturday, April 19th, 1913, with all members present, as follows: A. W. Lloyd, president; N. T. Green, P. G. C., Joplin, Mo.; W. A. Gunnell, secretary; W. P. Curtis, treasurer; W. G. Mosely, of Kansas City, and W. T. Ancell, of Huntsville, Mo.

Grand Lecturer, Prof. B. F. Adams, of Louisiana, Mo., attended this meeting and witnessed its transactions with much interest.

The reports of the G. K. of R. & S. and Treasurer of the Beneficiary Board, were submitted and favorably approved. These reports showed that the department has had the most successful quarter of the year and the results were gratifying to all.

The amount collected for the quarter was $8,234.00 which together with a balance brought forward of $6,664.64 made a total for the quarter of $14,898.64. Twenty deaths were reported for the quarter all of which were ordered paid. These claims amounted to $4,800.00 and the treasurer reported as having been paid during the quarter claims amounting to $4,183.35. It is indeed gratifying to note the steady increase in the beneficiary receipts an dthe ability of the order to meet and promptly pay every legal claim presented to it.

The Pythian Temple commission through its secretary, Jas. H. Harrison, presented its report complimenting the management of Pythian Temple Building upon the marked increase in its rentaly recipes.

After an all day harmonious session, characterized by its dispatch of business and the judicious expenditures of the peoples money, Grand Chancellor Lloyd declared the board adjourned to convene in Kansas City prior to the annual session in July.

Some Facts About the Knights of Pythias of Missouri.

There are 103 suborinate lodges in the state with an approximate membership of 6,000. The Grand Lodge owns property to the amount of $42,000.00, the subordinate lodge property worth $35,000.00. The property of the Uniform Rank is worth $2,700. Missouri has paid 666 death claims, amounting to $139,379.79.

There are seventy-two courts of Calanthe in the state of Missouri with a membership of 2,500, who are flourishing under the leadership of G. W. C. Bertha T. Buckner.

Missouri has the distinguished honor of having the only Pythian in the Supreme Jurisdiction who has visited the home of Damon and Pythias, Ancient Spracuse, in the person of the Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, D. D., the eminent pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. church, who has roamed over the mountains and beautiwul plains of the Isles of the Sun God.

B. F. ADAMS,
Grand Lecturer.

ODD FELLOWS BUILDING DEDICATED AT ATLANTA

Structure Was Erected at a Cost of $110,000—Forty-two Office Rooms in Building—Building Five Stories High.

4-10-13

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8.—Tuesday evening, April 1, was a great night with the Negro Odd Fellows in this town, the formal opening and dedication of the Odd Fellows' Temple, 200 Auburn avenue, being held on that evening, at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Auburn avenue and Butler street.

The building was erected at a cost of $110,000, and every penny has been paid. There are forty-two office rooms in the building and every office has been rented and is occupied by Negro professional men. It was erected by a Negro contraitor, R. E. Pharrow, with Negro workmen. Besides the office rooms there are six fine stores and six lodge rooms. The building is of concrete with pressed facing, and the interior finish is of whtie marble. It is five stories high, not including the basement.

Bishop J. S. Flipper was the master of ceremonies, and addresses were delivered by Dr. Wm. F. Penn, the Rev. E. R. Carter, D. D.; C. C. Cater, the Rev. P. James Bryant, Jackson McHenry, Dr. W. A. Fountain, Henry Lincoln Johnson, Mrs. L. P. Fortune, Dr. H. R. Butler, C. W. Hill, and B. S. Ingram, district grand master. Music was rendered by the choir of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Atlanta Baptist College orchestra, Mrs. L. L. Hodges, and Sidney Woodward.

The building committee consisted ot Dr. W. F. Penn, chairman; W. T. Gibson, B. J. Davis, S. Cunningham, and William Driskell.

At the conclusion of the exercises the building was thrown open for inspection, and it is estimated that fully 20,000 people passed through the building.

The Odd Fellows of this State own more than $300,000 in property, and besides paying out over $100,000 in benefits to widows and orphans, it has loaned members $86,000 with which to buy farms, build homes and go into business.

FIRST NEGRO BUILDING IN NEW ENGLAND

(Boston Reliance) B

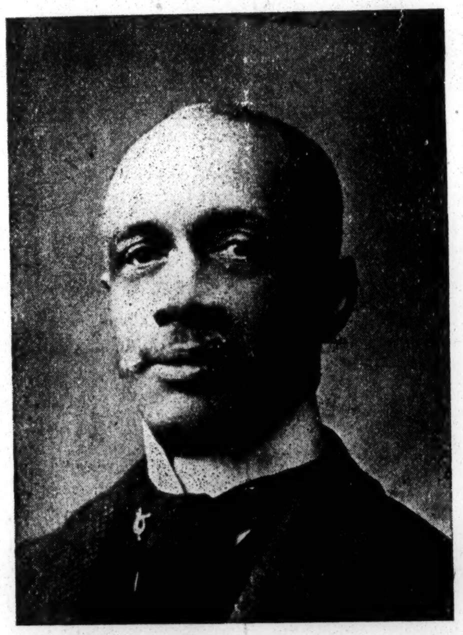
Imposing $40,000 Structure Erected in a Conspicuous Part of New Haven, Conn.—Almost in the Door of Boston, Christian Star Lodge, G. U. O. O. F. Takes the Honors

The past week has been a gala one for the colored people of New Haven, Conn., the occasion being the dedicatory celebration of the new forty-thousand-dollar building which has just been erected in that city by Christian Star Lodge 1484, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and will be used by them for lodge, social, fraternal and business purposes. There are twenty-five organizations of various kinds composed of colored people and each of these societies has already secured quarters in the new building.

It is an imposing two-story structure of brick and granite and occupies a site at the junction of Goffe and Webster streets, two of the principal thoroughfares in the heart of the city of New Haven. The street floor is occupied by four good-sized stores all of which will be occupied by good paying tenants in a short time, the two upper stories contain a large public hall with a seating capacity of seven hundred or more persons; three lodge rooms, reception rooms, banquet hall, ladies' retiring rooms, men's smoking room, toilets, coat rooms and lockers. The plumbing throughout the building is of the most modern type both as to material, construction and sanitary advantages. Nickel plated trimmings are used in this connection with a lavish hand and adds materially to the interior decorations of the building, which is finished in dark oak with floors of bird's-eye maple. It is illuminated throughout by electricity and is heated by steam. The erection of this magnificent fraternal home for the Odd Fellows and the other secret societies composed of the colored people of New Haven, is indeed a grand achievement and reflects much credit upon the active and conscientious labors of the building committee comprising Messrs. M. K. Holland, F. Hendrickson, J. E. Saunders, N. M. Mayo, E. B. Howell, F. Young, Dr. I. N. Porter, O. B. Ross and George W. Crawford, Esq. To the latter's active efforts and personal supervision of the work of construction of the building is due more than to any other factor, the fact that the committee was enabled to open the building for public inspection last Saturday evening, at which time the festivities commenced and continued until Wednesday of this week. The trustees of beautiful property comprise Bros. George W. Crawford, Frederick Young and Dr. I. N. Porter. On Saturday there was a large crowd of people of all nationalities on hand to take advantage of the opportunity to inspect the building. During the hours in which the inspection was going on the women comprising the Household of Ruth served light refreshments to all present.

On Sunday the dedicatory exercises were held in the auditorium of the new building at three o'clock in the afternoon, a vast concourse of people being present. Preceding this there was a street parade in which the lodges, past grand masters, councils and patriarchies from New Haven, Ansonia, Bridgeport, Waterbury, New London and other nearby places took part. District Grand Master G. Henry Powell of Massachusetts District Grand Lodge 26, and District Grand Master George A. Pickett of Connecticut, District Grand Lodge 5, were special guests of the occasion. After marching over a short route escorted by a platoon of police, a brass band and a fife and drum corps, the column proceeded to the new building where the formal exercises of dedication were held as follows:—

Decicatory Exercises.


G. Henry Powell, D. G. M., who delivered the dedication address at the dedication of the new Odd Fellows building, Sunday, and was tendered a reception and dinner afterward at New Haven, Conn.

Invocation, Rev. Edward F. Goin; Anthem, "O For the Wings of a Dove" Mendelssohn, the choir of the Dixwell Ave. Congregational church; remarks by the Master of Ceremonies; ceremony of dedication, conducted by District Grand Master Geo. A. Pickett, assisted by officers of Christian Star Lodge; baritone solo, "Hymn to the Night," Campbell-Tipton, Mr. Charles Harris Wesley; greetings from the the district, by D. M. N. G. Minnie Bradley; greetings from the Brothers of the district, by D. G. M. Geo. A. Pickett; anthem, "Jerusalem O Turn Thee," Gounod, the choir of Dixwell Ave. Congregational church; address, "Odd Fellowship," Bro. G. Henry Powell, District Grand Master of Massachusetts; benediction, Rev. D. S. Klugh, D. D.

Fraternity Night.

Monday evening was designated as "Fraternity Night," the hall being crowded by the members and other friends of the various organizations of colored people in New Haven and vicinity. The following program was presented: Moving pictures interspersed with the following musical numbers: vocal solo, "Last Night," Mrs. Mayme Simmons; vocal selection, "Queen of the Earth," Mr. Curtis Saulsburg; piano solo, "Gondeleri," Mr. Clarence Wilmore. Dancing brought the affair to a close. Bro. George W. Crawford officiated as master of ceremonies in the earlier hours of the evening, after which Dr. I. N. Porter was in charge. On Tuesday evening there was an initiation of thirty candidates for membership, under the supervision of Degree Master O. B. Ross. The ritualistic work was intelligently rendered by the members of the lodge degree staff. Throughout the entire ceremony there was a noticeable absence of the use of the ritual. The serving of the following repast was an enjoyable feature of this function: salads, cold ham, cold roast beef, rolls, punch, ice cream, cake and cigars. Wednesday evening was given over to the enjoyment of a smoke talk in "The Stag's Retreat," where the jollification continued until past midnight. The erection of this magnificent building by Christian Star Lodge G. U. O. of O. F., is not only a credit to the lodge itself but an honor to the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, particularly to the whole colored race generally.

D. G. M., G. H. POWELL DINED.

After the dedication of the new forty-thousand-dollar Grand United Order of Odd Fellows building in New Haven, Conn., last Sunday afternoon, District Grand Master G. Henry Powell of Massachusetts District Grand lodge 26, who delivered the dedicatory address, was tendered an informal reception and dinner at the home of Major and Mrs. William H. Newcomb, 59 Goffe street, at which a limited number of guests were present to greet Grand Master Powell.

Following the reception a pretty dinner was served in the spacious dining room, where the following members of the Connecticut Patriarchy and other branches of the order were seated at the table: Maj. Gen. Garrison L. Chadwick; Capt. Fred B. Gray, Maj. William H. Newcomb, District Grand Master, Geo. A. Pickett, of Connecticut; Lieut. Richard Brown, Sergt. John Merriam, Herman Wallace, Quarter Master Gen. J. F. Jones of Waterbury, Q. M. William Allen, and Sergt. Major Fred Hendricksen. District Grand Master, G. Henry Powell occupied the seat of honor at the head of the table while District Grand Master Pickett of Connecticut, D. G. L. was seated at the right and Q. M. G., E. J. Jones was seated on the left. When cigars and coffee was reached there was an hour or more of social chat and fraternal intercourse. In the entertainment of their guests Major and Mrs. Newcomb proved agreeable and dignified host and hostess on this occa-

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State Grand Treasurer U. B. F., and S. M. T., Report on Death Claims From June 1st to October 1st

The Extra Nov. 5, 1913

To the officers and members of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Tens: In compliance with the laws made in the last State Grand Session which met in the city of Anniston June, 1913, which made it obligatory for the Treasurer to publish quarterly in the Birmingham Wide-Awake, our official organ, the names of the beneficiaries and the amount paid to each. I submit the following publication for the officers and members benefit and inspection.

Yours in J. M. T.,

I. L. DISMUKES, Grand Treasurer.

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Wm. Decker Johnson, Plains, Ga., Head of & founder.

The Afro-American Order of Orioles

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Write for information.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR GRAND CHANCELLOR, R. A. BLOUNT.

Carriage in Which Grand Chancellor Was Driving Struck by Street Car.

Birmingham Reporter 11/8

Special to The Birmingham Reporter.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov. 6.—R. A. Blount, of Birmingham, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, of Alabama, while driving from the A. G. S. Depot to the home of a friend, was seriously injured in a collision with a street car. The accident happened just as the carriage in which Mr Blount was riding with a couple of friends was crossing the Tidewater tracks It was thought at the time that the Grand Chancellor was very seriously injured, but he was much better the next day. It is understood that Mr. Blount was in Tuscaloosa prosecuting the Pythian Temple movement, but the accident prevented his attending the meeting.

FRANKFORT, KY., August 12.—The forty-fifth session of the State Grand Lodge of Masons met in Winchester. A large number of delegates were present throughout the State. Rev. J. M. Mundy of Henderson, State Grand Master, called the order of business, to a large number of our most representative citizens of the State. The officers of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M., Grand Master J. M. Mundy of Henderson, Deputy Grand Master R. F. White of Owensboro, G. S. W. E. J. Martyn, Paris, G. J. W., J. A. Morton of Paducah, Grand Treasurer and Treasurer of Relief Fund W. E. Johnson of Louisville, Grand Secretary and Secretary of Relief Department Wm. H. Mayo of Frankfort. Appointed Officers: Grand Lecturer, G. H. White of Louisville; Grand Chaplain, Rev. William Wolfe, Bowling Green; Grand Orator, A. Q. Greene of Mayfield; S. G. Deacon, E. H. Brown of Henderson; J. G. Deacon, H. A. Ward of Louisville; S. G. Steward, J. H. Bean of Midway; J. G. Steward, W. R. January of Winchester; G. Marshall, H. B. Rosby of Frankfort; G. S. Bearer, H. Foster of Middlesboro; G. Pursuivant, W. N. Pyles of Hardinsburg; G. Organist, F. B. Hawkins of Shelbyville; G. Chorister, G. W. Trimble of Glasgow; G. M. of Ceremonies, G. W. King; G. Tyler, B. J. Watkins of Somerset; G. Attorney, J. W. Egester.

District Deputy Grand Masters: Mountain District, A. L. Gibson of Pineville; Eastern District, A. F. Rochester, Danville; Central District, Thos. W. Bradford, Louisville; Western District, W. G. Faulkner, Clinton; Special Deputies, J. F. Drane of Eminence, and Wm. Offutt of Russellville. Chairmen of Special Committees: Jurisprudence, J. H. Garvin of Winchester. Codification, E. B. Davis, Georgetown. Printing, Wm. H Mayo, Frankfort. Masonic Journal, Wm. H. Perry of Louisville. Widows' and Orphans' Home, J. F. Drane, Eminence. Fraternal Correspondence, Wm. H. Perry of Louisville. The next meeting place will be at Somerset

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8-22-13
Mont. Adv.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED BY STATE NEGRO MASONS

Meeting at Tuskegee is Still in Session.

Special to The Advertiser.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Aug. 21.—Yesterday afternoon was spent in hearing Grand officers' report. In both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, all reports showed increase in all the branches of the order.

At 9 a. m. today Grand Master James T. Gregory called the Grand Lodge to order. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. W. White, G. C. Wednesday night was arranged for the Lodge of Sorrow. A special committee, consisting of the following: W. H. Mixon, Dr. Belsow and E. C. Shortridge, were appointed to invite the women to join the memorial services.

In the Royal Grand Chapter there are 274 chapters represented in the Grand Lodge, with thirty-eight U. D. chapters. They have 6,500 members among the women. They have over 300 delegates in attendance. The Royal Grand Patron, H. A. Knox and the Royal Grand Matron, Janie Belasco, have greatly improved the condition of the order in the State.

The Grand officers elected are: W. T. Woods, G. M.; James Byrd, G. D.; G. N. McDaniels, G. S.; J. O. Diffay, G. T.; A. A. Peters, G. E. S.; R. B. Hudson, E. T.; Janie Balsco, R. G. M.; J. R. Curtis, G. S. W.; J. P. Phillip, G. J. W.

Telegram was sent to Dr. B. T. Washington for the N. N. B. League Philadelphia, Pa.

The Grand Lodge voted a Past Master's jewel to Prof. J. T. Gregory.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, I. O. B S. OF C.

The Negro Leader
Nov. 7, 1913

State of Alabama.

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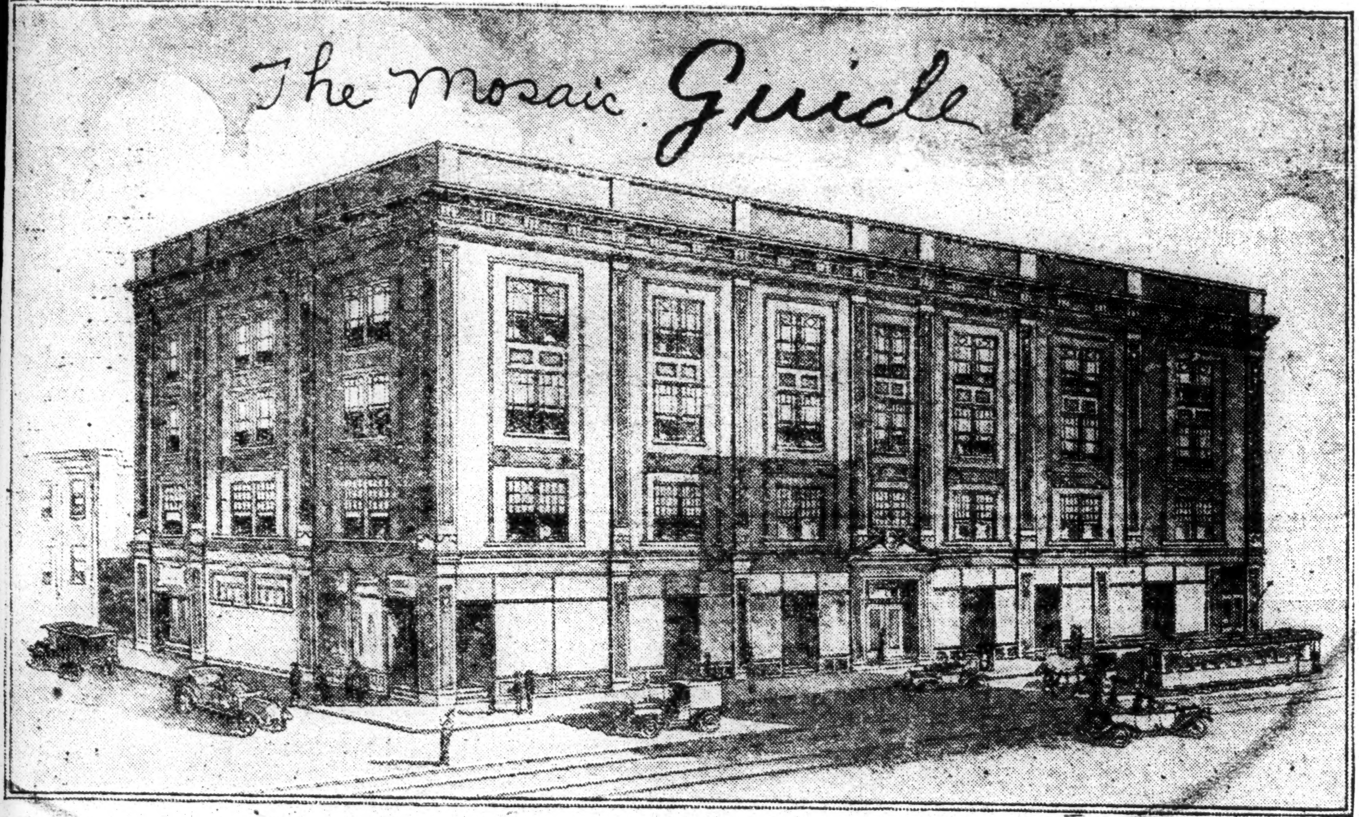

National Temple of the M. T. of A. which will be dedicated Oct. 15, 16 & 17

The Pythian Monitor. 5/13 Cincinnati Ohio

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1912--1913

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O. G.—Robert Boyde.

Grand Rep.—Edward Hughes and George T. Brent.

ROSTER OF ST. JAMES LODGE.

The roster of St. James Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., Baltimore, Md., follows: P. C., Wilbert J. Henry; C. C., Alfred Boardley; V. C., William G. Spicer; Prelate, William Jenkins; M. of E., William H. Langley; M. of F., James E. Seaton; K. of R. & S., Edward Hughes, 938 Warner street; M. at A., William Meekings; I. G., William G. James; O. G., Joseph Turner.

We send greetings to our various jurdisdictions. We are very much gratified and congratulate ourselves on being connected with such an extensive organization as the K. of P. of N. A., S. A., E. A., A., A. What is it? Baltimore, August, 1913, Supreme Session!

NEW YORK ODD FELLOWS IN THRIVING CONDITION

N. Y. A. 8-21-13.

Order in the State Has a Membership of Almost Five Thousand

TO MEET AT POUGHKEEPSIE

Place Chosen for Next Session of Grand Lodge—W. David Brown is Elected District Grand Master.

Special to The New York Age:

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 13.—The fifth biennial session of the district grand lodge of the State of New York was held in Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Tuesday, August 5, and was called to order by D. G. M., W. D. Brown. The address of welcome was delivered by H. A. Wayland, 3057, who introduced T. R. Kneil, superintendent of schools, representing the village president. Responses were made by the D. G. M., W. D. Brown, G. W. superior, Mrs. Mary Parker of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Katie Pritchard and others.

In the street parade the grand officers and the D. G. officers of the Household were seated in four automobiles and seventeen carriages. The parade was headed by Troy Lodge, 5728, Philomathean 712, of Albany and Saratoga Lodge 3057 and marched through the principal streets of Saratoga. At night at the hall was held a grand reception. The grand march was led by D. G. M., W. D. Brown and G. W. superior Mary Parker followed by all the D. G. officers, delegates and visitors.

The D. G. master appointed the following committees: Credentials—J. F. Adair, J. T. Johnson, S. Giddings. G. M. address—Bro. Derrick, W. G. Rogers, Chas. Dennis, Jos. Gleason, J. Singleton. Charges and appeals—W. J. Smith, Jas. K. Lewis, Aaron Taylor, H. V. Fry, M. E. Rumboldt. State of the order—The Rev. Wm. Edwards, D. G. Matthews, R. R. Cotman, Jas. L. Pritchard, Chas. Wiggins, Jacob P. Jackson. Propositions and resolutions—Jas. F. Adair, H. J. Edwards, L. H. Wilson, Jas. Moore, E. C. Pride. Reports—Chas. J. Crowder, the Rev. J. C. Taylor, August D. Taper, Jas. W. Johnson, Marion A. Baker, the Rev. W. F. Coffey. Memorial—The Rev. J. W. Griffin, Chas. E. Lewis, J. V. Christian, J. J. Epps. Congratulations — Chas. A. Knowles, the Rev. J. A. Caldwell, Lewis Mitchell, Morris Lawrence, John Hobbs. Press—The Rev. J. L. Pinn, J. W. Mitchell, Walter Mimms. Fraaternity D. G. Household—Edward Henry, Conv. M., H. J. Edwards, Jas. K. Lewis. Fraternal Greetings to Mayor—Jas. K. Lewis, S. Giddings, W. L. Walker, Jas. Glasco, Walter Mimms.

The D. G. secretary and D. G. treasurer rendered their report. The report of the D. G. S. showed a balance in hand of over $434, which wa largest amount of cash ever held in the treasury of the D. G. lodge. We have in the state 4,719 members, financial 4,124, non-financial 577, forfeited 478; a

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NEW YORK ODD FELLOWS IN THRIVING CONDITION

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gain of 470 from May, 1912, to April 30, 1913. Amount received by lodges $31,612.25, expended $30,611.34.

The report of the D. G. secretary showed that 173 brothers have died since the last session, among whom were Thos. Brooks, 1520, Ed. D. G. Chap. and John Colwell, 712, Ex. D. G. Supr. A resolution was presented and adopted endorsing D. G. M., W. D. Brown for national department G. M. at the 17th B. M. C. to be held in Boston.

List of Officers.

Edward Henry, J. L. Pritchard, L. H. Wilson, auditors.

W. D. Brown, D. G. master.

J. F. Adair, D. G. secretary.

H. J. Edwards, D. G. treasurer.

J. E. Venn, D. G. director.

The D. G. Lodge voted to hold its next meeting at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The Journal & Guide 12-20-1

GRAND LODGE N. C. MASONS

Session Just Held at Newbern Declared the Best In Organization's History.

DR. MC RARY GRAND MASTER

Denounced Liquor Traffic and Segregation Laws In Able Annual Address

(Special to Journal and Guide)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 15.—Last week the 44th annual session of the Grand Lodge of F. A. and A. Masons of the jurisdiction of North Carolina, was held in this city from Tuesday to early Thursday morning.

The main auditorium of the St. Peter's A. M. E. Zion church had to be used as there were 1200 Masons present from every section of the State.

A pertinent feature of the sessions was the address of Dr. R. B. McRary, M. W. Grand Master.

Denounced Liquor Traffic

He declared himself as being opposed to admitting to the order persons engaged in the liquor traffic, or those addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors.

Opposed Segregation

The Grand Master devoted a portion of his address to an attack upon the proposed rural segregation law. He declared that the proposed legislation would greatly restrict the advancement of the race.

"The proposed legislation will affect us very seriously in these districts where we have acquired holdings in lodge property such as hall sites, where many of our members who are farmers have built homes and have become permanent fixtures in the community, but because, moreover, such a law, if passed upon out statue books, will make it practically impossible for those of us who are disposed to heed the advice that was given by those who are now the apostle of this new idea, but who lately urged us 'back to the farm,' to acquire, even where we have the money, desirable farm lands. The real economic value of a farm is not determined by the color of its owner's face, but by the state of the cultivation to which he has brought it and its consequent equality."

Organization In Fine Shape

The reports of Col. James H. Young, Grand Endowment Secretary; Dr. C. S. Brown, Grand Secretary; Hon. A. R. Middleton, Grand Treasurer; showed that the organization is in an excellent condition.

The administration was endorsed by the officers being re-eleted by acclamation for the ensuing Masonic year. The officers are: Dr. R. B. McRary, Lexington, N. W. G. M.; W. F. Purvis, Greensboro, R. W. G. S. W.; W. S. Simmons, Bayboro, R. W. G. J. W.; Dr. C. S. Brown, Winton, G. S.; A. F. Middleton, G. T.

Secret Societies — 1913

The South's Great Fraternal Order

Join the Independent Benevolent Order, Better Known as the I. B. O. Society, the Great and Rapid Growing Society.

This society is **sound, firm, solid and safe.** This society comes to protect you and all the people all the time. It was founded in the interest of the common people—to protect their interest at all times. If you are looking for a society that will fully protect you and your family and secure them at all times, the I. B. O. Society is the one to join. You take no risk in joining this great Order. All officers that handle money are kept under heavy bonds. From the rapid growth of this great Order the public has reached the conclusion that it is the future hope of all the people, and is destined to become one among the strongest Orders among our people. **More than Thirty-five Thousand satisfied members belong to this Order. Over Ten Thousand members in Georgia.**

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This Order owns about Fifty Thousand ($50,000.00) Dollars worth of real estate in the city of Atlanta, which secures every policy issued by this Order and makes them safe. No risk to run in joining this Order. This Order owns a farm at Cannonville, Ga., which is the seat of its home for the widows and orphans of the Order, where the orphaned children of this Order are educated free of charge. The Order now has Lodges and members in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi.

This Order issues policies as high as $225.00. This is the cheapest, at the same time the safest Society to join. It gives the most benefits for the least money. So prompt is this Order in paying its claims that it has been known to pay some of them even before the member was buried. In the past six months this rapid growing Order has written $450,850.00 worth of business. Beneficiaries under the policies of this Order are not subject to any annoyance. The I. B. O. Society is a strong home company fulfilling every promise and issuing certificates in which everything is absolutely guaranteed. A policy in this Society absolutely protects your loved ones against destitution.

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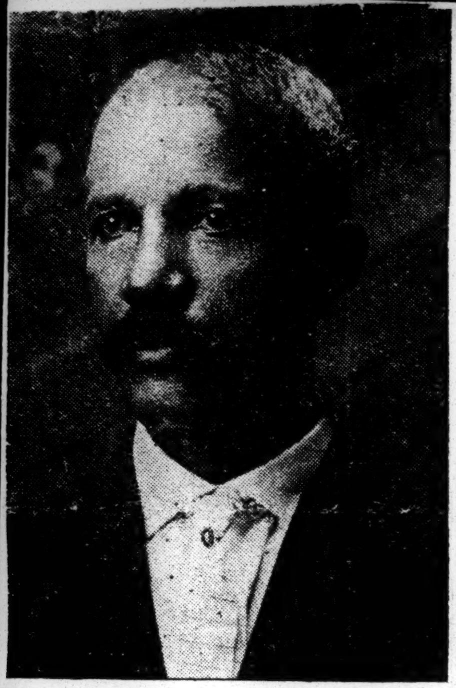

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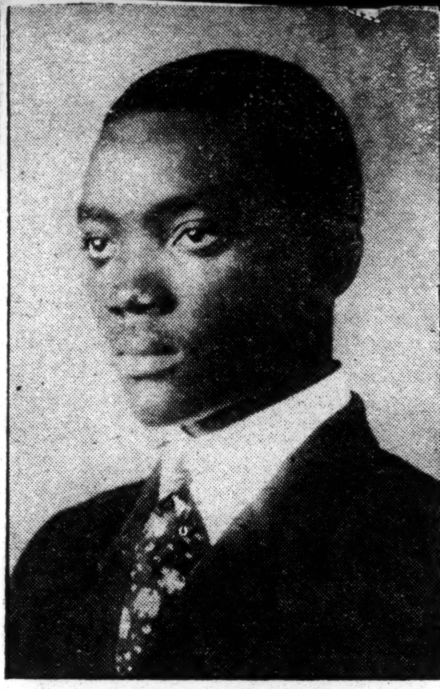

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ODD FELLOW LEADER SCORES NEGRO LODGE

Charges Made That Excessive Salaries Prevent Paying Off Death Claims

Mont adv 7-24-13

Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 23.—Declaring that the negro Odd Fellows were paying too large and too many salaries, and that greed for office and salary was the cause of so much hurtful politics in the order. J. P. Evans, a well known negro fraternal society man has been calling serious attention to the true condition of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the largest negro society in the State from the standpoint of numbers.

Evans declares that the order is so far behind in paying off the claims of the endowment department that the officials themselves are ignorant of the amount of the obligation, and that the condition is brought about by wanton extravagance and useless expenditures. He says in a trite manner that "it takes one thousand dollars worth of officers to pay one thousand dollars worth of widows," and declares that at the next meeting of the grand lodge the delegates should address themselves to some remedy of these conditions.

It is expected because of this fight and many other matters being called to the attention of the delegates, that the next meeting of the grand lodge, which will be held in Birmingham, August 5-9, will be of more than usual interest. The Odd Fellows, like all other negro fraternal organizations in the State, will be compelled to make some new adjustments in order that they might conform with the new regulations imposed by the State insurance department. In addition, something must be done to pay off accumulated claims.

Evans declares that he and his following are for the people rather than for the office holders, and denounces in strong and certain tones the tendency of many prominent negroes to profit at the expense of the people in these organizations.

Scramble For Office.

There is a long list of candidates to succeed P. T. Mitchell of Troy, who is grand master of the Odd Fellows, among them being Dr. J. S. Jackson, of Birmingham; John G. Wright, of Tuscaloosa; Allen Dale, of Mobile; John Bankhead of Montgomery, and others. For the other important offices, the list is just as long, and Evans is leading a fight to abolish the salaries to all of these offices save that of district secretary, where the duties require daily attention. In this way, he declares that the scramble for office would not be quite so noticeable.

In the "Household of Ruth," the women's department connected with the Odd Fellows, there is an alleged shortage during the past year of about $7,000, and pending some adjustment of the matter, the official said to be responsible has been removed from office. Just how all of these conditions are to be remedied is a matter of serious question to many of the leading negroes, who recognize that the failure of one of the big fraternal organizations among that people will do irreparable harm to the race at large, not only in bringing about suffering among the widows and orphans, but will mean a corresponding loss of confidence on the part of the masses of the race in negro enterprises generally.

NEGRO TEMPLARS HOLD NATIONAL MEET HERE

Nearly Thousand Delegates are in Attendance.

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Nearly a thousand delegates are in attendance at the eighth annual session of the State Grand Lodge, Alabama jurisdiction, of the National Order of the Mosaic Templars of America (colored), which is in session at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by State Grand Master L. L. Powell of Montgomery.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. T. Matherson, chaplain, yesterday morning, Grand Master William Alexander of Little Rock, Ark., delivered an address before the meeting in which he stated that the national order, with headquarters at Little Rock, had a membership of 89,000, located in twenty-six States of the Union. Of this membership 10,000 of them belong to the different locals of the order in this State. He also stated that the order has $127,000 in the treasury in addition to $60,000 which is invested in construction of a national temple at Little Rock, to be in ~~use~~ next October.

Addresses were also made by J. W. Harris of Memphis, who is Grand Master of Tennessee; Rev. G. W. Mitchell of Birmingham, Grand Master Brown of Georgia, Dr. J. S. Elliott of Montgomery, and others.

It was announced during the afternoon that the national order would erect a $10,000 building in Alabama as soon as the State Lodge, now in session, selects a site. It is understood that Mobile will make a strong claim for the building.

The night session of the meeting was devoted to addresses of welcome and responses. Rev. R. C. Judkins, pastor of the church, who was introduced by George W. Chandler, master of ceremonies, delivered a lengthy address to the negroes in behalf of the colored churches of Montgomery.

The order was organized in 1882 by J. E. Bush and C. W. Keatts, and since that time has paid to widows and orphans $500,000. The former of the two organizers is expected to attend the present session.

INJUNCTION TO PREVENT NEGROES' CELEBRATION

"Ancient Order of Odd Fellows" Enjoined by Circuit Court Order

Mont Adv 5-11-13

The lodges of the negro "Ancient Order of Odd Fellows" in this city will not be allowed to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of that association in thi scity Sunday. C. B. Powell of Birmingham, representing the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows yesterday obtained a temporary injunction from Judge Pierson of the Circuit Court, restraining W. T. Breeding and the Ancient Order of Odd Fellows from using the name "Odd Fellows" and from wearing any regalia, insignia or jewels of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

Since the injunction issued by Judge Pierson goes into effect immediately, it will have the effect of preventing the parade and ceremonies which the negro Odd Fellows had planned for Sunday.

TENNESSEE PYTHIANS WIN FIGHT IN U. S. COURT

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE. 12-25-13

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The contest between the white and Negro lodges of Knights of Pythias in Tennessee over the use of the organization name came to a close when the white lodges informed the Supreme Court that their contention that a decision in the Ten- courts gave them exclusive right to use the name was erroneous. Their action was based probably upon a decision of the Supreme Court last year in a contest between the white and Negro lodges in Georgia.

The Sons and Daughters of St. Luke had their annual sermon Sunday, October 26th, at Payne Chapel A. M. E. Church. Capt. S. H. Darby, Master of Ceremonies; H. R. Rivers, G. M.

The meeting was a success in every particular.

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DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL

Secret Societies - 1913

ECHOES FROM SUPREME COUNCIL OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

MR. H. C. HARRIS, THE ONLY ACTIVE AND CROWNED THIRTY-THIRD DEGREE MASON IN ALABAMA, MAKES HIS REPORT TO RED CROSS CONSISTORY.

HE TELLS OF HIS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A GOLDEN CIRCLE, AN AUXILIARY TO THE RED CROSS CONSISTORY.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR THE CIRCLE

Nov. 1 1913

The voice of the People.

MR. H. C. HARRIS

A Leading Negro Business Man of Birmingham and the Most Prominent Mason of Color in Alabama.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Red Cross Consistory was held Monday night, when the full membership was present to hear tidings brought by Mr. H. C. Harris from the Supreme Council of Ancient, Accepted and Scottish Rite Masons, held in Washington, October '20th.

The council is composed of active 33rd degree Masons, and meets annually, but holds its triennial session at Washington, D. C., the seat of the Southern division of Scottish Rite Masonry.

In his report Mr. Harris stated that the Supreme Council was a most helpful and harmonious one, due largely to the personality of Robert L. Pendleton, the presiding officer, who was unanimously elected Most Piercing Sovereign Grand Commander. Mr. Pendleton is a Floridian by birth, but now lives in Washington, D. C., where he conducts a large and successful printing plant.

There are only two active Consistories in the State of Alabama, one being in Birmingham and the other in Mobile. After listening to the glowing report of Mr. Harris the members expressed themselves as determined to make the Red Cross Consistory in Birmingham the banner Consistory of the Southern Division.

Mr. Harris is the only crowned and active 33rd degree Mason in the State of Alabama, an honor he has enjoyed since 1902. Since that time he has been an active member of the Supreme Council and has done much to advance its cause. His office in the Supreme Council is Grand Almoner. All recall his eminent services as Grand Treasurer for eleven years for the Masons of the State of Alabama. The same spirit of doing things which he brought to bear as an officer of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama he is now putting forth to establish an auxiliary of the Red Cross Consistory.

This auxiliary is known as the Golden Circle, and it bears the same relation to the Red Cross Consistory as the Eastern Star bears to the Blue Lodge. Only wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Scottish Rite Masons are eligible to membership in the Golden Circle. A member of the Golden Circle is addressed as "Loyal Lady." A faithful few of those who are eligible to membership in the Golden Circle by virtue of the Masonic standing of male members of their families have also the necessary degrees; so the outlook for a thriving Golden Circle in Birmingham is exceedingly bright. At any rate, it is enough to know that Mr. H. C. Harris is back of the proposition, for no man in Alabama is more deeply interested in Masonic institutions than he, and

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DEATH CLAIMS MET PROMPTLY BY U. B. F.

L. H. Harrison Makes Glowing Report of Efforts to Meet Obligations. Splendid Showing by Order and People Well Pleased.

The Birmingham Reporter Nov. 1 1913

The United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten have in recent months made good showing in the matter of paying off death claims as written to this office by Mr. L. H. Harrison, who seems to have been the messenger of the department in this important business. With reference to his activities in this regard, Mr. Harrison writes:

"My firts visit was to Mulga Sept. 28th, where I paid the last claim of Carrie B. Height. The Sunday following I paid part claim of Rev. N. R. Fielding to his wife, Mrs Carrie R. Fielding. The next Sunday following I paid the beneficiary of Rev. Turner, at Thomas, then I returned again to Brighton and made part payment on the claim of Amanda Witherspoon Oct. 12th.

"Sunday, October 20th, found me in the 'colony,' beyond Rugby Heights, or properly speaking, 'Zion City,' above East Lake, at Mt. Zion Baptist church, where that gallant son of thunder, Rev. R. N. Hall, is pastor. We failed to reach there for the morning service, and had to stay over for the afternoon meeting. In the meantime I had taken lunch at the residence of Mr. and Mrs Wood, the Princess of the Daughters of Zion Temple, No. 150, S. M. T. The purpose of this visit was to make part payment on the claim of Sister Agness Wood. After a very flattering introduction by the pastor, Mrs. Nellie Collins, Acting Princess in the absence of the Princess, and quite a number of the members of the local branch who were out to do honor tc the occasion, greeted us with 'grand honors.' After a retrospective view of the U. B. F. & S. M. T., we made partial payment to the beneficiary, Mr. Willie Wood.

"Our visit will have a wholesome effect upon the membership and the public generally, and automatically the 'I told you so' bazoo of those who claim that the order was not paying off. In the name of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, we gave them to understand that the order was doing business at the same old stand, and that rejuvenescence has effectually set in; that nothing but a panic in this country can now stop the upward march of the order."

PYTHIANS ARE HOLDING A VERY LIVELY SESSION

The N. Y. A. 8-28-13

Many Are Ambitious to Become Officers and Announce Candidacy

FIGHTS FOR REINSTATEMENT

John Mitchell Raises Novel Point—Dr. T. A. Curtis Wants Fraternal Orders to Help Negroes While Well and Alive.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 27.—There is many a member of the Knights of Pythias in attendance at the sixteenth biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, which is being held in Baltimore this week. Druid Hill avenue resembles the subway entrance at Times Square, New York, about 5:30 in the evening. Wherever you turn you are bound to run into a Pythian in uniform. The Illinois delegation headed by Maj-Gen. R. R. Jackson, is attracting more than ordinary attention. The 8th Regiment Band is with the uniformed members.

The session was called to order Tuesday at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Druid Hill avenue and Lanvale street.

When the session convened Tuesday morning a feeling existed that the meeting was not destined to be a tranquil one. In the first place there are more ambitious ones for office this year. Or if there are not more ambitious ones there are more who have the temerity to openly announce their candidacy. Supreme Chancellor Green is up for reelection. Joseph L. Jones is said to have an eye on the place. Then there is C. K. Robinson who has been Keeper of Records and Seals for many years. There is a rumor that he, too, will make an effort to get the coveted plum.

John Mitchell, Jr., of Richmond, seems to be a thorn in the side of those in control. Mitchell has raised a novel point, and he is waging a strong fight. He was suspended some months ago for refusing to pay a tax assessed by the Supreme Lodge. Mitchell contends the Supreme Lodge has the right to assess the Grand Lodge of a State, but has no authority to tax an individual member.

Dr. T. A. Curtis, Supreme Lodge representative from Missouri, called upon the members of the Supreme Lodge to inaugurate a movement whereby more attention shall be given to members of the race while alive. He urged that the heads of the various colored fraternal organizations form an organization which shall have as its object the betterinf og conditions for the Negro.

Dr. Curtis, in his pleas, said: "To

look after the sick and bury the dead is very commendable. But we owe something to those who are alive and well. If the officers of the colored Masons, Odd Fellows, Pythians, Elks and other secret orders would organize a Federal body incalculable good would result. This could be done without the fundamental principles of any order being affected. If the officials of each order would assess its members only ten cents a month, one can readily see what a big fund would be on hand to fight the various laws passed to discriminate against and humiliate the Negro citizen."

Dr. Curtis' plan is being well received.

Supreme Grand Green delivered his biennial address Wednesday. Besides making a general review of the order, he referred to the dcision of the United States Court declaring that the order had right to have lodges in Tennessee. Joseph L. Jones, head of the Courts of Calanthe, delivered his biennial address Tuesday morning. The other supreme officers made their reports.

Memorial services were held for the late Dr. R. M. Boyd, supreme medical register, and J. M. Haselwood, of West Virginia, Tuesday evening. The orations were delivered by Boscoe C. Simmons of Memphis and Dr. C. M. Wade of Hot Springs, Ark. The female delegates were tendered a reception at the home of Mrs. Rosa J. Richardson, head 's department in Maryland

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STER OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF THE K. AND L. OF H. OF W.

M. N. B. Turner, Grand Past Pro., Tuscaloosa.

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C. L. Proctor Lodge No. 693, meets the second and fourth Fridays in each month at the Masonic Hall, 22d st. and 23d ave.

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Davis Monogram Lodge No. 919 Gainesville, Ala. Meets every first and third Monday. Sir H. B. Bell, pro. Lady C. C. Winston, recording secretary.

Union Hill Lodge No. 965, at Spring Hill. Meets every second and fourth Friday. Pro. Sir J. B. Jones. Sir Jas. Crowe, sec.

G. V. Moore's Pride Lodge No. 698 meets the first and third Monday evenings in each month at 1717 1-2 Third avenue. Lady Nevious Allen, Protector, 705 Joseph street; Mrs. Annie Rome, Recording Secretary; Mrs. F. J. Carrington, Financial Secretary, 718 8th avenue.

Silver Queen Lodge No. 317, K. and L. of H. of the W. meets every first and second Monday in the month.

H. E. MURPHY, Pro.
ANNIE L. MOORE, Secy.

Star of Jasper Lodge No. 778, Jasper, Ala., meets every second and fourth Friday. Protector, Mary Garrison; Financial Secretary, Margaret Richardson; Recording Secretary, Mintie C. Hill.

East Lake's Delight Lodge No. 1008, K. and L. of H. of W., meets every Tuesday at 2 p. m. Lady Florence Williams, Protector; Lady Minnie Cunningham, secretary.

PRIDE OF KINGSTON 252.

K. and L. of H. of W. Meets the first and third Monday evening in each month at Kingston. Lady Mattice Ullman, Pro., No. 908 53rd St. Lady Sadie Hooper, Sec.; Lady Hattie Lee, Financial Sec.

Golden Link Lodge No. 360 meets every Tuesday evening at Mome's hall, Second avenue, between Sixteenth and Seventeeth streets. Lady Mattie Butler, Pro.; Lady Beatrice Jackson, Fin. Sec.; Lady Nettie Fields, Rec. Sec.

Walton's Beauty No. 1009 meets first and third Thursdays in each month at the Palace Hall, Adamsville, Ala. All visitors are welcome. Lady E. L. Waltom, Pro.; Anna Johnson, Sec.; Mary L. Williams, Fin. Sec.

Pure Heart Lodge No. 807, Cordova, Ala.; Mrs. Nannie DeLoach, Past Protector; A. L. Henderson, Secretary.

Beautiful Star Lodge meets every second and fourth Monday at Hillman, Ala.

Lue Parker, Pro.

Rena Steele, Fin. Sec.

Sara Carrington, Rec. Sec.

Randolph Lodge meets the second and fourth Monday nights. This lodge can be counted on to do her duty. Clara Randolph, Protector: Ruth Gains, Financial Secretary; P. E. Randolph, Corresponding Secy.

King Echols Lodge No. 377, meets every First and Third Thursday in each month . Mrs. Emma Frazier, Protector; Mrs. Mary Abney, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Alice Cole, Recording Secretary.

Golden Link Lodge No. 827 K. and L. of H. of the M. meets every first and third Tuesday in the month. Katie Jones, President; Alice Street, financial secretary.

Evergreen Lodge No. 858, Coleanor, Ala., meets second and fourth Thursdays in each month. Lady Ella Harris, pres., Lady Elizabeth Powell, sec.

Hope of Joy Lodge No. 495 meets every second and fourth Thursday, Blossburg, Ala. Rosa Thomas, Protector; M. A. Watson, Sec'y., Box 163.

Mt. Sinai Delight Lodge No. 929 Lower Peachtree, Ala., R. 1, Box 127. meets every second and fourth Fridays. S. D. Morratt, Secretary; L. B. Tate, Pro.

Love and Purity lodge, No .262, at Ensley Alabama, meets on the first and third Monday in each month at Domestic Hall, E. E. Wood, Pro; Mannie Smoot, Rec. Secretary; Tanzie Thomas, Financial Sec.

Golden Link Lodge No. 360 meets every Tuesday evening at 2:30 at Matty Butler Pro.; Lady Mattie Lee K. of P. and Odd Fellow hall. Lady Fields Sec'y.

R. B. Austin's Beauty Lodge 1029. Marvel, Ala., meets every second and fourth Wednesday. Mrs. R. B. Austin, protector; Atlanta Mayweather, secretary.

MISSISSIPPI ODD FELLOWS

T. N. Y. A. — 8-11-13

Hold Annual Session at Tupelo, Miss., With Large Attendance—Officers Make Fine Reports and Are Reelected.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE

TUPELO, Miss., Aug. 12.—The tenth district grand lodge, G. U. O. O. F., closed Thursday night, August 7, its thirty-third annual and sixth biennial session, Grand Master E. P. Jones presiding. Mrs. E. H. McKissack, of Holly Springs, called to order the Grand Household of Ruth.

The district grand master appointed the following committees:

Credentials—S. H. Highland, B. W. Caston, J. L. Green, D. W. Williams, G. W. Malone.

Rules—G. W. Allen, C. A. Caffey, N. D. Johnson, D. L. Mingo, W. J. Davis, M. H. R. Husband, J. W. Murray, J. H. Quinn, G. W. Palmer, P. W. Wrenn, H. H. Buckingham, W. P. Thompson, J. W. Edwards, George Taylor.

In the evening a joint session was held for the purpose of hearing addresses of welcome. Prof. E. H. McKissack presided and delivered a short address. Special music was rendered by the choir of Lane Chapel C. M. E Church. Mrs. C. A. Caffrey presented District Grand Governess Mrs. E. H McKissack and Mrs. G. Allen presented Grand Master Jones with gavels.

Addresses of welcome were made by John M. Allen ex-member of Congress, response by Dr. E. P. Jones; the Rev. H. Watson, response by Dr. E. B. Topp, Jackson; Prof. A. R. Ratcliff, response by Hon. L. K. Atwood, of Jackson; Mrs. Orah Walker, response by Miss Sallie Green, Sardis; Prof. A. R. Phillips, response by Prof. M. S. Stewart; the Rev. G. W. Bowen, response by Prof. W. A. Singleton.

The grand master appointed a special committee to invite the district Household of Ruth to hear the report of the secretary and treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Benefit Association, Prof. E. H. McKissack. During the past two years there had been collected in the office, including the balance on hand at the close of the last grand lodge, $629,819.95; expended $588,873.44; balance, $40,946.51. 753 had died during the three years. 469 lodge and 342 households were in good standing, with a membership in the lodges of 16,000.

Officers elected were: E. P. Jones, district grand master; E. B. Topp, district grand secretary; E. D. Coleman, district grand treasurer; E. H. McKissack, secretary and treasurer; B. J. Olive, Lexington, deputy grand master; John W. Harris, grand director; W. J. Latham, attorney; P. W. Howard, attorney. Endowment Board—E. P. Jones chairman; P. W. Wrenn, Greenville; A. D. Snodgrass, Rodney; M. S. Stewart, Jackson. District grand auditors—E. P. Simmons, Hollandale; P. L. Mingo Lexington; A. M. Addison, Port Gibson.

The District Household elected the following officers: Mrs. E. H. McKissack, Holly Springs, district most noble governor; Mrs. John W. Harris Meridian, district right noble governor; Mrs. L. A. Roberts, Coluumbus, district worthy secretary; Mrs. P. W. Wrenn Greenville, district worthy treasurer; Miss Sallie Green, Sardis, district worthy director.

GRAND PROTECTOR VISITS AUSTINS LODGE AT MARVEL. GIVEN BIG RECEPTION.

MARVEL, ALA.

(By Mrs. R. B. Austin.)
(Special to The Reporter.)

The Grand Protector of the Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World, Mrs. C. L. Proctor, was given a royal reception by Austin's Beauty Lodge at this place when she paid a visit to Marvel and spoke encouragingly to the ladies and members of the lodge. Mrs. Proctor was introduced to the ladies by Mrs. R. B. Austin, Protector. She stated in her address that she was proud to be with them, having heard such glowing accounts of their work from the Grand Lecturer, and through the Birmingham Reporter.

Mrs. Proctor stressed intelligence as the motive power behind any successful organization, and that with intelligence, love, peace and harmony the order was bound to succeed. She complimented the Protector, the Secretaries and the appearance of the lodge generally.

In her address she gave some valuable facts from the history of the order, and preached the doctrines of the order. She counselled loyalty to each other, a strict compliance to the promises of the organization and the prompt payment of all claims. The lodge gave the Grand Protector a nice reception and on behalf of the members Lady R. B. Austin presented Mrs. Proctor a nice gift. Some of the officers of R. B. Austin's Pride are Lady R. B. Austin, Protector; Lady Mary A. Webb, Secretary, and Lady M. A. Holmes, Financial Secretary.

THE ORDER OF MULES AUXILLIARY

The Mobile Advocate Oct 1913

The Ladies Auxilliary of the Order of Mules met at the residence of Mrs George Jenkins 936 State St Sunday Oct 26 and had quite an interesting meeting. They closed to meet again Friday evening Nov 7th. All ladies desiring to become members can meet on that date and join by paying 25c. There will also be a Juvenile to the Order of Mules of which Stone Thomas will have charge.

Mrs Lula Finch Chairman
Mrs Emma Coats Sect